



Leppington, Birch Hill, Bracknell, RG12 7WW
Headteacher: Michael Dillon B Ed (Hons) MA

Friday, 17 December 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

I know that everyone has worked incredibly hard and the pandemic has had a huge impact on all of our lives.

As cases increase with the Omicron variant, we do expect this will have an increasingly negative impact on school and our capacity to remain open as normal. For some of the time this week, we have had to close a 'bubble' because of staff shortages. We will always do our best to keep school and bubbles open.

We will always communicate any updates with you as soon as possible and will follow any Government or Local Authority guidance.

You do not need to report any cases of Covid to us over the holiday period. However, if your child will be absent at the beginning of term because of isolation due to Covid, please email the PCR result to covidtest@birchhillprimaryschool.co.uk at the beginning of January with the expected end date of their isolation. You can also report absence via the website form using this link.
<https://forms.office.com/r/NGkmWqjZWV>

The government have asked for all staff and pupils at schools to do a lateral flow test the day before they return to school. Please help us to keep everyone safe by testing your child on Tuesday 4th January before they return on Wednesday 5th January. You do not need to report that test to us unless it is positive. If it is positive, you need to keep your child off school and book a PCR test.

If your child is a close contact of someone with Covid, the guidance now is that they do a lateral flow test daily for 7 days. They do not need to stay off school unless the lateral flow test is positive.

Anyone who has had Covid does not need to do any testing until 90 days after they tested positive unless new symptoms develop.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Dillon'.

Michael Dillon
Headteacher