

Dear Parents,

Unfortunately, due to positive Covid-19 cases, we had to close both the Year 6 and Year 4 classes last week. We thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation. Please ensure you follow the procedures below:

How can you help to keep your children in school and avoid a class closure?

- **Do not send children into school if you have booked a test or are waiting results** – you will have arranged a test because you suspected that either yourself, or another family member, may have contracted Covid. That means your whole household **MUST** isolate even before you get the test result!
- **Do not send children into school if they have any symptoms, however mild, YOU ONLY NEED TO HAVE ONE SYMPTOM**, not all 3: temperature above 37.8C, new and persistent cough, loss taste and smell.
- **INFORM SCHOOL if you or your children show symptoms.** Arrange tests, self-isolate and advise us of the result ASAP. Please email office@stgabriels.blackburn.sch.uk at the weekend.

If you are already self-isolating – this is really important:

- **Do not assume that children who are self-isolating (in their own household or because their class is closed) will automatically return on the given date after 14 days. They are self-isolating because they are at risk of developing Covid.** Therefore, you **MUST** ensure that they have **NO SYMPTOMS** before they return. Lots of schools have had classes repeatedly closed, only days after they have returned. Please help us avoid this. Refer to the diagram below.

Example of how to self-isolate in your family				
DAY	Mum	Child 1	Child 2	Dad
0	Shows symptoms, then tests positive triggering 10 day isolation for herself and 14 days for her family (Count 1 st day of symptoms as <u>Day 0</u>)	Shows symptoms, then tests positive triggering their own 10 day isolation. (Count 1 st day of symptoms as <u>Day 0</u>)	No symptoms	
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11	Isolation ends			
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14		Isolation ends		
15			Isolation ends	Shows symptoms, then tests positive triggering their own 10 day isolation. This extends beyond the original 14 isolation. (Count 1 st day of symptoms as <u>Day 0</u>)
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				Isolation ends