



ST WILFRID'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

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Dear Parent/Carer,

As the end of term approaches, I write to share with you a number of key pieces of information.

Easter Holiday Arrangements:

- **The Academy closes for students at 3.20pm on Thursday 1 April 2021. It re-opens to students from 8.15am on Monday 19 April 2021.**

- **Free School Meals Support**

Please be advised that Free School Meal vouchers will not be provided for over the Easter holidays, as per government policy. If you need support getting food during the Easter break, please visit:

<https://www.blackburn.gov.uk/coronavirus/bwd-help-hub-residents>. The Blackburn with Darwen Help Hub is there to support the local community. This may be linked with accessing food and other essential supplies, or to help people get through these challenging times. You can call the Hub on 01254 588111 if you prefer to speak to someone directly.

- **Notification of COVID-19 positive cases**

It is a requirement that schools continue to support the test and trace process during the first part of the Easter holiday. This means that staff will be working to identify close contacts of students (where they have been attending) who test positive for COVID-19. If your child develops symptoms between the evening of Thursday 1 April 2021 and 5pm Sunday 4 April 2021, and tests positive for coronavirus, or if they receive confirmation of a positive PCR test during this period please let the Academy know. To notify the Academy of a **positive case** please call 01254 604703 between 10.00am and 3.00pm. This line will be open from 10.00am Friday 2 April until 3.00pm Tuesday 6 April 2021.

You will be asked to give the following details to the person taking the call:

- Child's Full Name
- Date of Birth
- Date COVID-19 symptoms first appeared
- Date of the COVID-19 test
- The last date your child attended the Academy
- How your child travels to the Academy e.g. bus (state the Service Number), car, walk or cycle (including who they travel with).
- A list of friends that your child spends their time with at break and at lunch

Testing for COVID-19 Advice from PHE, Blackburn with Darwen

A new warning about the need to book a coronavirus test even if you don't have the three classic symptoms of the disease has been issued by Professor D Harrison, Director of Public Health, Blackburn with Darwen. He advises booking a test if your child has any of the following symptoms: **diarrhoea, a persistent headache, fever and chills, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, and nausea or vomiting**. If anyone in the household develops symptoms of coronavirus they should book a PCR test [online](#) or by calling 119 and asking to book a test.

Home testing

Students are asked to continue the twice weekly lateral flow testing at home. They must report the results to the NHS site: <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result> or they can call NHS 119 to report the result (calls are free from

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landlines and mobiles). Student results must also be reported by completing [this form](#) which is also available via Firefly.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family well and I trust that you all remain safe over the coming weeks as the roadmap to ease the restrictions necessary to control the pandemic continues.

Yours faithfully,



Miss C Huddleston
Principal