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Thursday 27th May

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have really enjoyed having the children in for a full half term. Although the lockdowns have had an impact, we have really seen the children moving on well in their learning, now they are back. We will have a parent's consultation later this summer so you can discuss your child's progress. How we do this will depend on what restrictions are in place. We will update you nearer the time.

As we still are still having to follow the Department of Education guidance for schools in relation to Covid, we will continue with afternoon closures until the Summer break. We will update you shortly after half term on the outcome of our consultation into making the Friday afternoon closures permanent. No decision has been made yet.

We will continue with other additional Covid procedures we have in school, including regular hand washing, good ventilation, staggered starts and finishes and our one-way system through the school grounds. These will be reviewed if government guidance changes.

We will be closing tomorrow for the Spring Bank break. We will reopen on Monday 7th June for all children. However, it is important that we are made aware of any positive cases of Covid, so we can ask any contacts to self-isolate, helping protect our community.

If your child develops one or more of the following symptoms, please arrange for them to get a test via NHS UK or calling 119

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If your child tests positive up to Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, please contact the school to let us know. This will allow us to inform any other families of children who may need to self-isolate. We will not provide any information on who has tested positive.

School can be contacted by the contact form on our school website. Please follow the link below:  
<https://www.holycroftprimary.org.uk/contact-us/>

If we need to contact you to ask your child to self-isolate, we will do this via our text message service. We will not be ringing families individually. If you have recently changed your mobile number or believe you are not receiving school text messages, please let us know.

If your child is asked to self-isolate because they have been identified as a contact, other members of your household can continue normal activities, provided your child does not develop symptoms within the 10-day self-isolation period. Please see the link to: Guidance for contacts of people with confirmed coronavirus (Covid-19) infection who do not live with the person:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-contacts-of-people-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection-who-do-not-live-with-the-person>

Please remember, your child and their brothers and sisters must not come to school if one of them has symptoms or tests positive.

Yours faithfully

Mr G Morrison

