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Education Secretary's Statement on Spring Term Reopening for Primary Schools

Dear Parents,

I wanted to update you with more detail on arrangements for the reopening of Stockingford Academy following Gavin Williamson's announcement that most primary schools **will reopen** as previously planned in the new year.

Our school will continue to follow all national guidance to ensure that our children, their families, and our staff are safe and feel confident in our school environment. Since children and young people returned to school in August, we have worked incredibly hard to ensure everyone's safety and we have robust safety and hygiene measures in place. We have also worked with NHS public health and the council's teams to ensure that all close contacts of anyone who tests positive for COVID-19 are identified and asked to self-isolate.

During the festive break, arrangements have been put in place to ensure that we continue to support NHS Test and Protect to identify close contacts while also allowing our school staff to take a well-deserved break.

Update on reopening dates

We will continue to reopen as planned on **Tuesday 5th January 2021** from either 8.45am or 9am dependent upon your child's year group. We will continue to apply and update where relevant our autumn term risk assessment, to ensure our school is a safe place for all our staff and children.

If your child has tested positive for coronavirus at any point during the Christmas holidays, please ensure you notify us as soon as possible so we can either (1) complete relevant tracking and tracing process with Public Health and notify any other children or staff who have been close contacts and will need to self-isolate, or (2) update start of term registers so we know who should/ should not be in school.

In order to notify us, please send an email to covid@stockingfordacademy.org

The school office will not be staffed during the holidays so please do not call the school telephone and leave a message.



Wearing a mask on site

Can I take this opportunity to thank parents/ carers who have routinely followed our guidance on wearing masks on site. From next week, in light of the current Tier 4 criteria that we are in, **we will not be allowing adults on site if they do not wear a face covering.** We will have a few spare masks for those who have forgotten, and of course will allow those who are exempt for health reasons. By everyone adhering to this, this will enable us to be open for as long as possible!

COVID-19 Symptoms

Remember as soon as your child or any member of your household develops symptoms, they must start self-isolating immediately and book a test. The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough -this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste

If you're not sure whether symptoms suggest that they have coronavirus or an everyday cough or cold, you can consult this online NHS symptom checker:
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

Please do not send children back to school if any of the following apply:

- they have symptoms of COVID-19
- they, any members of your household, or any close contacts (including extended family or friends they have seen and bubbles at half-term activities and sports clubs) have tested positive for COVID-19
- they haven't completed the full 10-day isolation period requested

Advice for those children who were previously shielding

Children and young people who previously came under the 'shielding list' should not attend school or nursery while we are in Tier 4, without having a risk assessment informed by the clinical team caring for them. If you are unsure if your child is in the shielding category, please speak to your medical consultant or GP for advice.

Remote Learning

Our Remote Learning offer will continue to be available during the spring term via our school website at www.stockingfordacademy.org. If you need any further information or

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more personalised work for your child, e.g. a specific special educational need, please contact us via admin@stockingfordacademy.org for additional support. We would ask in advance for your patience in our response, as we have additional staffing pressures during this period.

Thank you for your continued patience and support. I hope you and your family had/ are having a well-deserved and relaxing festive break.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "G. Bowser". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'G'.

Mrs G Bowser
Headteacher