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*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace  
1 Peter 4:10*

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Dear Parents / Carers,

## **Re: Welcome and School Opening Updates**

I am writing to you in eager anticipation of welcoming all of our children back to school on Monday. We have been working very hard to get everything ready and the staff are excited and raring to go.

### **Guidance:**

I have a few more bits of information to share with you. As you will appreciate the updates and guidance keep flowing across my desk and I want to make sure that you are notified of anything that may be of importance to you and your family.

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/what-we-do-and-how-we-work/campaigns/back-to-school>

This guidance includes information about school transport, attendance, test and trace, starting school and emotional wellbeing and transition support.

<https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/return-to-school>

These videos give practical and honest advice to children and parents for starting back at school.

## **Banham Poultry Outbreak:**

By now, most of you will be aware of the COVID-19 outbreak at Banham Poultry. When I last checked, 107 people had been tested positive. Some of you may have friends and family who are affected by the outbreak. To help clarify, there are two different isolation periods for staff and their family households depending on where they worked in the factory at the time of the initial outbreak. Staff employed in the cutting room and their households started their isolation period on the 27<sup>th</sup> August. They have been asked to self-isolate for 14 days returning on the 15<sup>th</sup> day. Staff from all other departments and their households have been asked to self-isolate for 14 days from the 30<sup>th</sup> August.

Staff testing positive have been asked to self-isolate for 10 days, returning to work on the 11<sup>th</sup> day, provided that they have been free from fever for 48 hours prior to returning to work. Family members of staff testing positive need to complete the full 14-day period of isolation. This is because the virus can take this long to manifest itself and for a person to show symptoms.

During the period of self-isolation, if someone has tested positive, either a factory worker or a household member, the positive case needs to isolate for 10 days, returning on the 11<sup>th</sup> day as long as they have been free from fever for 48 hours. Their household then isolates for 14 days from the test date / onset of symptoms. The

clock is reset for the remaining family household, so they have to continue / start isolating for the full 14 days from the test date of the positive case.

If any of our children have parents / carers working at Banham Poultry, it is important that they self-isolate within the timings mentioned above, to support the outbreak management.

### **Your Questions:**

If you have questions about the COVID-19 arrangements, please send them to me and I will add my answers to the FAQs sheet on our website.

### **A COVID-19 Secure School:**

*If anyone in the school becomes unwell with a new and persistent cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they must be sent home and advised to follow [‘stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection’](#), which sets out that they should self-isolate for at least 10 days and should [arrange to have a test](#) to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19). (DFE: Guidance for Full Opening: Schools 7<sup>th</sup> August 2020)*

We will not be taking children’s temperatures as they arrive at school. We will rely on parents/carers to keep their children at home if they have a high temperature. I appreciate the difficulties that arise for working parents when they need to keep their children at home but, unfortunately, this can’t be avoided and all employers will need to play their part in supporting their employees during this time. We will also face the possibility of staff needing to self-isolate. Where this occurs, we will try our best to replace them with a supply teacher who is known to us and works with a limited bubble of schools.

### **And Finally...**

I wish you all a very peaceful and relaxing weekend and look forward to seeing you on Monday.

**Heavenly Father,**

**Remind us to use our gifts, to serve one another, as good stewards of your varied grace.**

**Amen**

Kind Regards



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