



5th October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

### **October Half Term holiday and foreign travel**

As we are approaching the October half term holiday I thought I would write to you to clarify the Red Kite Learning Trust's position in regards to families who may be travelling to Non-Exempt Countries or Territories during the holiday.

I appreciate that some families will wish to take a holiday abroad during the half term break, but I must reinforce the Trust's position that anyone travelling to a country or territory that is not on the travel corridors list (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-travel-corridors>) will not be allowed back into school during the period of self-isolation required by the Government. Where this is the case schools within the Trust will ensure that resources for remote learning will be provided, however pupils cannot attend school and must self-isolate for the required quarantine period.

The Government require that those arriving from a non-exempt country or territory must self-isolate for 14 days. The 14-day period of self-isolation starts from the day after you leave the exempt country:

#### **Example 1**

You leave a non-exempt country on Sunday morning and arrive in England on Sunday afternoon you and your family must self-isolate on the day that you arrive back and for 14 full days after the day you arrive back into England.

#### **Example 2**

You leave a non-exempt country on Saturday afternoon and arrive back in England on Sunday morning, you and your family must self-isolate on arrival and for 14 full days, including the Sunday.

This is because it can take up to 14 days for you to develop Covid 19 symptoms after you catch the virus and in this time you can unknowingly pass it on to others, even if you do not have symptoms.

Self-isolating will reduce the chance of a second wave of Covid 19 in the UK and help prevent family, friends, and the those in the school community from contracting Covid 19.

### **Covid-19 Test Results**

However careful we all are there will still be children developing symptoms of Covid-19 and self-isolating at home whilst awaiting Covid-19 test results. Please note that schools within the Red Kite Learning Trust will be asking for proof of negative test results for those children who wish to return to school before the end of a 14-day period of self-isolation. We need to be absolutely sure it is safe for children to return to school and need your cooperation to do this.

Can I also remind you that any children who have been in contact with someone who has had a positive Covid test, and does not themselves develop symptoms, will still be required to self-isolate for 14 days. They can only be readmitted to school following their period of isolation.

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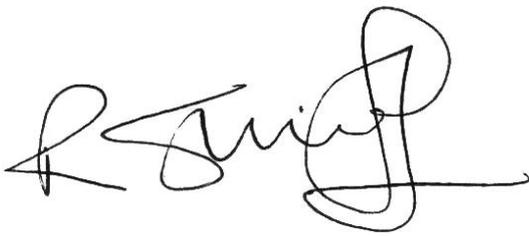
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This requirement will relate directly to those children that have themselves been sent home/stayed off school because they have symptoms themselves and have been asked to take a test. If after three days, they receive a negative test result, parents are asked to share a copy of this test result with the school and the pupil will be readmitted back into school that day. If a parent is not able to produce evidence of a negative test result, they will be asked to stay at home for the remainder of the 14-day period.

The reason we are insisting upon this is to ensure appropriate self-isolation and containment of Covid 19 and to protect the staff and pupils who are still in school.

Our ultimate priority is keeping those in our schools safe and ensuring we can keep schools open so that the children can continue to learn as they need to in these challenging times. We all need to play our part if we are to protect our children's health and education.

Your sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Sheriff', written in a cursive style.

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