

5th July 2021
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Dear Families,

Re: School closed due to operational reasons until Monday 12th July 2021

I am writing to inform you that Burton Borough School will be **closed until Monday 12th July 2021** due to operational reasons as a number of staff have had to isolate. We are hoping that the school will be open again from Tuesday 13th July 2021 but will review the current situation later in the week with Public Health England (PHE) and the Health Protection Hub (HPH) to see if this is possible. **All lessons from now until next Monday will be on MS Teams.**

In order to give students the best chance of getting to the end of term without further self-isolation, in conjunction with the HPH and PHE, we are asking that **all pupils and staff who are currently self-isolating go for a PCR (lab) test before they return to school.** This is different to the LFT (30 minute rapid) tests that are carried-out at home.

We advise that **this is done around three days before the end of their self-isolation period.**

This should identify any asymptomatic cases before students come back to school and avoid a situation where pupils are sent home to self-isolate again soon after return to school, which would have a negative effect on their last week of schooling and may spoil plans for the Summer holiday. We would also ask that if you have not received the test result before your child is due to return to school, you wait until you have received it before they return. This should not be the case however if you test three days before the end of the self-isolation period.

When booking the test, select either "Contact of a positive case" or "Recommended by the Local Authority" as the reason for testing.

If your child has any cold, flu or gastro-intestinal symptoms we would suggest that they are tested as soon as possible.

We thank you all for your understanding and patience and I will update you as appropriate over the next few days.

Take care and stay safe,



Krissi Carter
Principal