

# Paper Copy Recipients

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## **Updated information from the British Government - February Half Term Holiday**

Dear parents / carers,

Today, we received the following information from the British Government:

### **February half-term**

**Schools will close as usual over February half-term** and are not expected to remain open to vulnerable children and the children of critical workers during that week.

**Schools do not need to provide lunch parcels or vouchers during the February half-term.** There is wider government support in place to support families and children outside of term-time through the [Covid Winter Grant Scheme](#). The £170 million scheme is being run by local authorities in England, with at least 80% of the funding earmarked to support with food and essential utility costs and will cover the period to the end of March 2021. It will allow local authorities to directly help the hardest-hit families and individuals over the winter period. Local authorities have local ties and knowledge, making them best placed to identify and help those children and families most in need.

### **Contact tracing over the February half-term**

**We would ask you to notify us of any pupil that tests positive over the entire half-term break please. [Head@thegrange.northants-ecl.gov.uk](mailto:Head@thegrange.northants-ecl.gov.uk)**

Schools continue to play an important role in contact tracing for those pupils and staff who continue to attend their school. We recognise the challenges of this responsibility during holidays. Given limited numbers on-site, we expect contact tracing activity to be reduced but this remains vitally important in the continued national effort to limit the spread of the virus.

Where pupils or staff still attending their school test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) during the holidays, having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, schools are not required to take any action. Staff, parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace. However, where pupils or staff still attending their school test positive having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.

Kind regards,

Vicki