

Dear Parents/Carers

I have just received a notification from the DfE which has informed us that 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.

## Contact tracing over the February half-term

Schools continue to play an important role in contact tracing for those pupils and staff who are currently attending school.

Where pupils or staff 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.

If you have attended school in the week before half term and develop symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, then please inform Mrs Acheson <u>headteacher@gfschools.co.uk</u> with COVID SYMPTOMS in the subject bar of the email.