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Dear Parents and Carers

While we hope very much that your child and all your family remain well, in accordance with the Government guidance it is important that you are aware of the following information and relevant arrangements regarding positive cases in the holidays.

- A. For the first 6 days after teaching ends (this will be **up to and inclusive of Wednesday 23 December**), if your child tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), **having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school**, the school will assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as they may have been infectious whilst in school.
- B. In the circumstances as set out in A above, where it is necessary to inform the school about your child having tested positive, contact should be made to the **safeguarding contact** link on our website here. The school will liaise as necessary with the Department for Education helpline and PHE advice service to identify and make contact with anyone else in school who would need to self-isolate.
- C. If your child were to test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms **more than 48 hours since being in school**, the school should **not be** contacted. In these circumstances you should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.
- D. If your child is required to self-isolate due to contact with a positive case after the first 6 days following the end of term, you will not need to inform the school about their absence until the first day of the new term.

Thank you for your continued support

Yours sincerely

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