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Information for Parents regarding COVID19 Contact Tracing over the school holiday period April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to tell you what you need to do about reporting cases of COVID-19 and contact tracing over the school holiday period.

As before, we will continue to identify anyone who has been in close contact at school with someone who has tested positive for COVID19, up to 2 days before that person had symptoms. Those contacts will need to self-isolate for 10 days because they are at risk of having caught COVID-19 and being contagious themselves.

Please follow the guidance below if your child begins to show symptoms or tests positive for COVID-19 during the school holiday.

<p>If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19 within 48 hours of their last day in school</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get a test for your child • Everyone in your household must isolate at home until the test result is back. • If the test result is positive for COVID19, you must inform the school -school will identify any other people in the school community who are close contacts. • If the test result is negative, you do not need to take any further action.
<p>If your child has no symptoms of COVID-19 but tests positive within 48 hours of being in school</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Let the school know straight away- school will identify any other people in the school community who are close contacts. <p>(It is important to follow the guidance around only getting a test if they are showing signs of COVID-19.)</p>
<p>If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19 more than 48 hours after their last day in school- 4th April onwards</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get a test for your child • Everyone in your household must isolate at home until the test result is back. • If the test result is positive for COVID-19, you must contact NHS Test and Trace and follow the advice given by them: www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/ • You do not need to tell the school
<p>The quickest way to get a test is to book a test at your local testing centre via https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test. Please do not use postal tests unless absolutely necessary as these take longer.</p>	



During the holidays, please contact the school by calling the Headteacher phone number: 07825111595 between the hours of 9.00am and 5.00 pm. If you receive a positive test result outside of these times, please sent a text message to this number and follow up with a phone-call.

You must provide the following:

- **Child's name**
- **Class/year group**
- **Date last in school**
- **Date symptoms started/ child began to feel unwell**
- **Date of test**
- **Date positive result received**

If you are contacted by the school because your child is identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, they must self-isolate for 10 days.

Thank you for your cooperation and ongoing support. We wish you a happy, safe and restful break.

Yours sincerely



Fiona Veitch
Head teacher

