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Dear Parents and Carers

Christmas Holiday Coronavirus Arrangements

As we prepare for the end of term, we wanted to contact all parents and carers to explain the coronavirus reporting arrangements for the Christmas holidays.

The Department for Education published new guidance last week which requires schools to be contactable for the first six days of the holidays to assist in the contact tracing of any confirmed coronavirus cases within the school.

What do I need to do?

If your child tests positive for coronavirus, having developed symptoms **within** 48 hours of when they were last in school, you should contact school as soon as possible after receiving the positive test result.

To report a positive case, contact Mrs Slack on mobile number: **07936 366001**. If your call is unanswered, please text or leave a voicemail including the following information:

- your name
- your child's name
- when you received the positive test result
- when your child first began with symptoms (date and time)
- a contact number should the school require any further details

If you receive a positive test result between Saturday 19 December and Thursday 24 December, you should report this to school using the above mobile phone number as soon as possible. If you receive a positive test result after this date, you **do not** need to contact school but should follow the contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

If your child tests positive for coronavirus, having developed symptoms **more than** 48 hours after they were last in school, you **do not** need to report this to school but you should follow the NHS self-isolation guidance: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

Remember, only individuals who have coronavirus symptoms should get a test.

Our Partner Schools

What happens if there is a confirmed coronavirus case at my child's school?

If a school receives notification of a positive coronavirus case before Thursday 24 December, the school will follow its usual contact tracing procedures in line with government guidance and with support from Pathfinder's Operations Team. Schools will contact the parents/carers of any students identified as potential contacts by text or email. Whilst we sincerely hope that we won't need to do this, we apologise in advance for any disruption this may cause to families over the Christmas break.

What happens if my child has symptoms or tests positive before the start of the new term?

If your child is self-isolating because they have symptoms, are waiting for a test result or have tested positive for the virus, please inform your child's school in the usual way at the beginning of term.

If a member of your household or support/childcare/Christmas bubble has symptoms, is waiting for a test result or tests positive, everyone in your household and all bubbles you are part of must self-isolate as per the government guidelines.

Contact us

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's school or email us directly at Pathfinder on info@pmat.academy.

Thank you for your continued understanding and support.

Yours faithfully,



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