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Dear parent,

Arrangements for positive Coronavirus test reporting

As we come to the Christmas holidays I just wanted to take a moment to contact you all to say thank you, to wish you well, and to confirm some of the practical details around managing cases and test results during the break.

This has been one of the most challenging terms any of us will have known. The spirit, trust, and goodwill of our families have been remarkable. Thank you.

Since the emergence of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic in March, schools have played a key role in continuing to serve communities by implementing 'contain' measures whenever a positive case has been identified in school. Thankfully, so far, this has only resulted in one bubble closure.

As we approach the Christmas holidays, we hope it is helpful just to outline the requirements for children who test positive during the holiday period.

When school closes for the Christmas break on Thursday 17 December we have put a system in place to continue implementing 'contain' measures in the run up to Christmas day.

What should you do?

If your child attends this school and tests positive for Covid 19:

- You will need to tell us by telephoning the school and leaving a message on the Covid line.
- Please leave your child's name, class and the first day they showed symptoms.
- Please leave in your message as much of the information as you can using the Confirmed Case Form. (See attached)

This will allow us to work with families to contact trace in order to 'contain' the spread of the virus where necessary leading up to Christmas.

Please note: You **DO NOT** need to phone the school **after the 23rd December 2020**. Beyond that date, you will just need to engage with the NHS test & trace service.

If your child develops symptoms or takes a test in which they are positive after 23 December, there is no requirement to inform the school but we would of course still be interested to know!

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The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature);
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual);
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these.

We are therefore asking families to:

- **let us know immediately if your child develops COVID symptoms;**
- **arrange for a test;**
- **inform us of the test result as soon as you are aware of it (results are usually provided within 24 hours)**

Please notify school by calling the school number **020 8692 4351** and leaving a detailed message on the Covid Line. We may call you back if we need further information. Please note this may be from a withheld number.

Thank you again for your continued support and best wishes for the holidays.

Yours sincerely,



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COVID-19 Confirmed Case Form

Child's Full Name:

Child's Class & Year Group:

Parent/Guardian Name:

Parent/Guardian Email:

Parent/Guardian Contact Number:

Date of First Symptoms: (if no symptoms, please enter date of test below)

Date of COVID Test:

Date of Positive Test Result:

Last date that your child attended school:

Does your child have any siblings at Deptford Park?: Yes/No

If yes, please provide the names and year groups of siblings below:

Does your child attend Breakfast or After School Club?: Yes/No Which one?

How does your child travel to and from school?:

Please select:

1. Walk
2. Parent/Guardian Drop off
3. Public Transport

If you have selected 'Public Transport' please provide as much detail as possible. For example, which modes of transport and bus numbers or train times.