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Dear parent,

### **Arrangements for positive Coronavirus test reporting**

As we come to the end of an incredibly busy half term, 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 half term break.

Since the emergence of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic in March 2020, schools continue to play 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 two bubble closures.

As we approach the half term break, we hope it is helpful just to outline the requirements for children who test positive during this break.

When school closes for the half term break we will put our system in place to continue implementing 'contain' measures.

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.

### **What should you do?**

- **Let us know immediately if your child develops COVID symptoms 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.**
- **Arrange for a PCR test ([book a PCR test](#));**
- **Inform us of the test result as soon as you are aware of it (results are usually provided within 24 hours)**
- **Please leave in your message as much of the information as you can using the Confirmed Case Form. (See attached)**

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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.

This will allow us to work with families to contact trace in order to 'contain' the spread of the virus where necessary during half term break.

Parents and carers of children who have been advised to self-isolate by an education setting or NHS Test and Trace are able to apply for financial support, provided the eligibility criteria are met. Applications are made via the local authority in which the parent resides and the criteria can be found via this link: [Test and Trace Support Scheme](#)

The UK government says you should not visit most countries unless there are "exceptional circumstances". A traffic light list is in place, foreign countries are classed as green, amber or red - with different rules for quarantine and Covid tests in place for each. If you plan to travel abroad during the half term break with your child, they may be required to quarantine for 10 days upon their return. If children miss the start of term due to quarantining for this reason absence will not be authorised. We ask that you inform us if your child is returning from travelling abroad so that we can make sure the correct guidance is followed.

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

Yours sincerely,



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## COVID-19 Confirmed Case Form

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Child's Full Name:

Child's Class & Year Group:

Parent/Guardian Name:

Parent/Guardian Email:

Parent/Guardian Contact Number:

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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:

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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.

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