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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we start the final week of this term, I wanted to write again to thank you and our wonderful team for everything that everyone is doing to help to keep our school community safe and well. As you will be aware, all schools have (and continue to have) an important role to play in contact tracing in order to reduce the transmission of the virus within communities. We recognise the challenges of this responsibility at the end of what has been an exceptionally busy term. Public Health England has asked all schools to remain contactable during the 6 day window after the final day of teaching so that they can assist with contact tracing where necessary. Our final day at CKIS is this Friday 18th December, so the 6th day for us will be 24th December. This will allow enough time for positive coronavirus (COVID-19) cases to be identified and confirmed by a test and for relevant contacts in school to be traced and informed by us. We therefore request that you follow the advice provided by the Local Authority by informing us if your child:

1. receives a positive test result and their symptoms developed within 48 hours of last being in school.
2. was not symptomatic, but tested positive within 48 hours of last being in school.

Where a pupil tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since last being in school, the school should not be notified. Parents and carers should then follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

We therefore request that parents and carers contact the school via emergency@charltonkings-inf.gloucs.sch.uk from Saturday 19th – Thursday 24th December should their child receive a positive test result as outlined above. Both myself and our senior leadership team will be monitoring emails on a daily basis during this time to ensure that we can inform close contacts of the need to self-isolate for the 10 day period, should this be the advice received from Public Health England.

None of us want to miss out on a small family 'bubble' Christmas and I certainly do not want to be contacting families during this time to bring 'bad news'. Therefore, please can I remind all within our school community the importance of following the government tier rules to keep all within our community as safe as possible in the lead up to the Christmas period. We therefore ask all parents and carers to continue to:





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- **Not send children to school** if they or other members of the family experience any of the Covid symptoms (high temperature, new or continuous cough, loss of taste or smell) and seek a test immediately. Continue to isolate at home until a negative test result is received.
- **Follow tier rule guidelines regarding social contact outside of school** – take care to not participate in activities that allow you to mix with anyone from outside of your home, unless absolutely necessary. If you do need to go out, ensure that you are strictly following social distancing rules, the rule of six, hand-washing etc.
- **Socially distance on the school grounds** - during the school run and when waiting for your child during 'drop off' and 'pick up'. Thank you also for all continuing to wear a mask/face covering during this time.
- **Keep to the tier rule guidance regarding childcare support bubbles** – this guidance states that a childcare support bubble is exclusive and therefore all children should be in consistent childcare provision (registered and Covid-secure childminder or wraparound provision) or collected by their own parent/carer. The only reason why another person should collect your child is where that person is your exclusive childcare support bubble and that person does not provide childcare to anyone else's child/ren.

You will be aware that the government guidance related to isolation periods has changed from today; full details regarding the current guidelines can be found:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

We look forward to the start of our new school term and the New Year with the hope that life will increasingly return to some form of normality during 2021. I am therefore anxious that whilst I hope everyone has an enjoyable and relaxing break, none of us do anything to jeopardise our full school community returning to and remaining in school from Monday 4th January.

Please do look out for our end of term newsletter at the end of this week where we will be celebrating our children's learning and recent events and letting you know of key dates and events planned for next term.

Kind regards

Mrs James

