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16/12/20

## <u>Important Covid-19 Information</u>

Dear Parent/Carer,

First of all, thank you for all your support and understanding during this very challenging term. We hope that the children have enjoyed the Christmas celebrations in school. We have done our best to adapt our practice to allow festivities to continue as much as possible.

During the school holidays we will continue to honour our commitment to contact tracing as we have done in our previous school breaks. The DfE guidance asks schools to support contact tracing between the end of term and Christmas Eve. This letter is intended to share with you our approach to this expectation.

If a **pupil** at our school tests positive for Covid-19 during the first few days of the holidays, please email covidreporting@all-saints-rochdale.co.uk. We will then be able to contact families of classmates and advise them of the need to isolate. I know this is not news that anyone would wish to receive, but it is important that we let people know before they gather in larger groups over the Christmas period. We do not need notifying of other household cases only **positive results of our pupils.** Please provide the following information when you email.

- The child's name and year group
- Their date of birth
- Your name and contact telephone number
- Home postcode
- The date your child had their test and when you received the positive result
- The date that your child's symptoms started.

The school office will be closed over the holiday period. The Covid reporting email will be checked at least once a day, up to and including Christmas Eve, to respond to positive Covid cases <u>only</u>. Any other queries should be directed to the school office when we return in January. Please can I stress to you the importance of emailing school, as soon as possible, in the event of your child testing positive.

I have summarised this information in the context of our school in the table over the page:

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| **Symptoms began on (or date of positive test if asymptomatic)** | **Between Monday 14th – Friday 18th December** | **Saturday 19th December** | **Sunday 20th December** | **Monday 21st December – Thursday 24th December** | **Friday 25th December – Monday 4th January** |
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| Action Required | Parents Inform school immediately. School will notify individuals within respective bubble who may have come into contact. Notified individuals will have to self-isolate for 10 days | Parents Inform school via the email, once the positive case is confirmed. School will notify individuals within respective bubble who may have come into contact on Thursday 17th and Friday 18th December. Notified individuals will have to self-isolate for 10 days | Parents Inform school via the email, once the positive case is confirmed. School will notify individuals within respective bubble who may have come into contact on Friday 18th December. Notified individuals will have to self-isolate for 10 days | Parents inform school if their child receives a positive result and the symptoms started before Monday 21st December. If you are in any doubt send an email. Unless testing was delayed following onset of symptoms, the child would not have been in school in the previous 48 hours and therefore there is no need for other pupils to isolate. | If symptoms or self-isolation persist on the return to school, please telephone school on Monday 4th January. |
| | Contact email: covidreporting@all-saints-rochdale.co.uk. Please contact us in addition to passing on details to track and trace when they contact you. | | | | |
| Parental Responsibility | Parents to notify close contact family and friends and follow advice as per NHS Covid-19 guidelines http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/ | | | | |

In order to ensure these arrangements work effectively and minimise the risk of compromising families'

Christmas break, please adhere to the following:

- ❖ Parents to seek tests via testing centres rather than via postal tests as this can significantly delay confirmation of results. Results are normally forthcoming in 24 hours via test centres.

- ❖ Parents to notify school if children test positive for Covid after schools close (as outlined above)

- ❖ So as to minimise the risk of infection within school (and the wider community) please ensure you continue to adhere to social distancing protocol and tier restrictions.

If there is anything you are at all unsure about regarding these arrangements or you need any help, please contact the school before the end of term.

Finally, I would like to wish you a very happy and healthy Christmas holiday. My very best wishes for 2021. I look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday 4th January.

Kind regards,
Mrs Hardy

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