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Important Coronavirus Track and Trace Information for Parents at Christmas

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following guidance sent to schools by the Department for Education yesterday, I am able to update you on the action you will need to take if your child develops symptoms or tests positive for Coronavirus during the Christmas holiday. Please read this carefully and keep it in a safe place in case you need to refer to it.

If your child starts to show Coronavirus symptoms within 48 hours of their last day in school please let us know as soon as possible. <u>Our last day in school is Friday</u> <u>December 18th, so that means if your child develops symptoms after school on</u> <u>Friday 18th, or on Saturday 19th or Sunday 20th you need to let us know.</u> You will also need to get your child tested and let us know the test result. <u>If your child tests</u> <u>positive within the first 6 days of the holiday (Saturday 19th, Sunday 20th, Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd, Wednesday 23rd, Thursday 24th) we need to identify <u>and contact close contacts.</u></u>

Our out of hours contact telephone number is 07876199618. Our out of hours email address is <u>trinityfrome@gmail.com</u>

Our out of hours telephone and email will be checked daily and a member of school staff will respond to you as soon as possible.

If a pupil or staff member tests positive having shown symptoms within 48 hours of our last day of term, we will need to get in touch with all close contacts and advise of the need to self-isolate. While we very much hope it doesn't happen, this could happen up until and including Christmas Eve. We know that informing people of the need to self-isolate in the days before Christmas is not going to be popular, please remember we will only do this when we absolutely have to so please be kind to school staff if they have to make that call to you.

If your child tests positive after Christmas, please use the out of hours email address to let us know. We will not need to take further action as this does not pose a risk to

others as they will not have been together in school for over a week. Likewise, if you are informed by NHS Track and Trace that your household needs to isolate after Christmas, please use the out of hours email address to let us know. For any queries regarding isolation or symptoms between Christmas and the return to school we will respond by telephone during our Inset day on January 4th.

If you have any questions about the information in this letter, please get in touch with the school office over the next few days and we will do our best to explain.

We really hope nobody will need to use our out of hours contacts and that all of our families have a wonderful, healthy Christmas break!

Yours sincerely,

Amanda Seager