

10/12/20



### **Important Covid-19 Information Update - please read carefully**

Dear Parents, Carers, Students, Staff and Friends of the School,

#### **End of term and term dates remain unchanged**

The Department for Education (DfE) announced that schools are permitted to make Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December a 'non-teaching' day. We will not be amending our term dates or our scheduled INSET days. Our last day of term for pupils will remain, Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December, 1.30pm.

#### **Corona Virus cases and alerting the school over Christmas break**

This table summarises the approach on Corona virus cases over Christmas in line with DfE guidance:

Symptoms began on (or date of positive test if asymptomatic)	Between Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> December – Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>Action Required</b>	Parents Inform school immediately. See below.  School will notify individuals within respective bubble who may have come into contact.  Notified individuals will have to self-isolate for 14 days	Parents Inform school immediately.  School will notify individuals within respective bubble who may have come into contact on Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December. Notified individuals will have to self-isolate for 14 days	Parents Inform school immediately.  School will notify individuals within respective bubble who may have come into contact on Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December. Notified individuals will have to self-isolate for 14 days	Unless testing was delayed following onset of symptoms, case was not in setting and therefore there is no need to contact school.
For a <b>confirmed case</b> between the close of school on Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December and Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> December parents and carers must use the following email address to inform the school: <a href="mailto:covid-case@ndhs.org.uk">covid-case@ndhs.org.uk</a> . (Please <b>do not</b> email individual staff or Heads of Year.)				
<b>Parental Responsibility</b>	Parents to notify close contact family and friends and follow advice as per NHS Covid-19 guidelines <a href="http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/">http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/</a>			

In order to ensure these arrangements work effectively and minimise the risk of compromising families' Christmas break, please adhere to the following:

- Parents 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 notify school if children have symptoms after schools close (as outlined above) – even when waiting for a test result, families can be advised to take necessary steps whilst awaiting confirmation.
- To minimise the risk of infection within school (and the wider community) please ensure you continue to adhere to social distancing protocol.

If there is anything you are at all unsure about regarding these arrangements please contact the school before the end of term by 10.00am Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December on [office@ndhs.org.uk](mailto:office@ndhs.org.uk).

Best Wishes

Tom Pinnington – Head of School