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RE: Contact Tracing Over May half term Holidays
Dear Parents and Carers

As you know, unfortunately Covid does not stop in the holidays and the school still has a responsibility to trace contacts of children and members of staff who have tested positive. We are asked to do this for 6 days after the last day after the final day of teaching (see government guidance below). This is to allow for up to 48 hours since last being in school plus 4 days being the maximum reasonable time for receiving a positive test result.

If my child tests positive for Covid-19 in the holidays should I contact school?

It depends on when they developed symptoms – please read the following guidance so that you know when you should contact school:

- Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms **more than 48 hours since being in school, the school should not be contacted**. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.
- For the first 6 days after teaching ends, if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.
- School staff are not asked to remain on-call or conduct any contact tracing more than 6 days after the final day of teaching. Where a school's last teaching day is on Friday 28th May, there should be no pupil contact tracing asks beyond Thursday 3rd June.

How should I contact school if my child tests positive?

Use the following number to text your child's name and class and forward their test result. 07971718622 On receiving this text, I contact you so that details can be confirmed with Public Health England and any necessary contact tracing can take place.

I will inform parents of pupils who may be close or proximal contacts through standard letters issued by PHE. I will also inform any staff who may also have become contacts.

Yours faithfully
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