

9<sup>th</sup> December, 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

You may have seen the recent Government announcement that schools will have an additional closure day on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December. The Government have made this decision because staff may need to continue to work in the first week of the Christmas holidays to support track and trace.

We can confirm that the school will be closed to students on this day and our last day will be Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December. We apologise for the late notice but we have only just been informed by the Government.

If your child develops symptoms and is tested positive for COVID-19 over the Christmas holidays, the Government have issued clear guidance about when you should inform the school and when this can be managed by NHS Test & Trace.

**When you need to contact the school:**

If your child has symptoms either on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> or Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> then tests positive for COVID-19 on or before Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December, please contact the school between 10:00 and 12:00 by calling 07503094301

When you make contact please be sure to tell us your child's name, Year group, when they first developed symptoms and the date you received confirmation of a positive test.

**When you should *not* contact the school:**

If your child has developed symptoms after Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December or more than 48 hours after they were last in school. In this instance, please contact NHS Test & Trace.

If your child has a positive test result which returns after Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December. In this instance, please contact NHS Test & Trace.

We would like to thank our parents and carers for your continued support and understanding at such a challenging time for us all.

We would like to thank those of you that have informed us promptly when a positive test has been received. This has allowed us to react, even at the weekends, to carry out the necessary track and trace and act accordingly. We understand that bubble closures are inconvenient and worrying but the safety of our school community continues to be a priority.

Thank you for supporting your children access and engage in live learning via Google Classroom during isolation. We have had an amazing number of children receive daily lessons despite bubbles having to close.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a restful and health Christmas and New Year, everyone truly deserves this.

We are looking forward to seeing all children back at school for a new term on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2021.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N Pantling', enclosed within a large, horizontal oval scribble.

Mr N Pantling  
Headteacher