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Dear Parents/Carers

As we enter the final week of what has been a most unusual term, first and foremost I hope this letter finds you safe and well.

Before we close for the end of term, I wanted to take this opportunity to remind you of key information and ensure communication was clear in the event that you need to inform the Academy of a positive test.

The Academy term closes at **12.40 pm on Friday, 18 December**. During the first part of the holiday, it remains imperative that you report into the Academy any positive cases of Coronavirus. To enable you to do this easily, I have outlined below what you need to do to support us to track and trace effectively.

*If your child receives a positive test on Saturday, 19 or Sunday, 20 December **and** they have attended school until the end of term as normal, you must:*

- Email Trentham@Trenthamacademy.co.uk as soon as possible for us to contact you to support the Track and Trace system.

For those families in receipt of Free School Meals, a voucher will be issued by the Local Authority to you to support you over the Christmas period via the additional Government funding. If you have any queries about its use, please contact us via the Academy reception as soon as possible. If your child does not receive Free School Meals but you are experiencing financial hardship and feel you need support at this time, please contact Mrs Hadgett via the Academy reception to discuss any potential help we can facilitate.

Only information about Coronavirus positive cases will be actioned after the end of the school day on Friday, 18 December. For anything else, our Academy reception will open again on **Monday, 4 January** and queries will be picked up then. If your child won't be returning on Monday, 4 January because they have symptoms (new continuous cough, high temperature, sudden loss or change in taste or smell) and they are awaiting test results or if they are individually, or within a household, subject to self-isolation instructions linked to government guidance, please inform the Academy reception in the normal way on that day. Further guidance about what to do if your child presents symptoms is below for your reference.

Finally, I'd like to express my sincere thanks for your support throughout this term. Please keep your families safe and well over the break and adhere to government guidance during this time. I very much look forward to welcoming our community back in the new year.

With best wishes to you and your families.

Yours sincerely

Mike Whittingham
Headteacher

Information from Public Health England

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and this can be arranged via https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test or by calling 119 .

All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 10 days.

The 10-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.

Household members staying at home for 10 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community.

If you are able you can move any vulnerable individuals (such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions) out of your home, to stay with friends or family for the duration of the home isolation period

Symptoms of COVID 19

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 at https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/ or by phoning 111.

How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19

Do
- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

Further Information

Further information is available at
https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/