



Goldenhill Primary Academy



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Dear Parents,

We have received guidance from the DfE regarding the process schools are to follow in the possibility of positive COVID-19 cases during the forthcoming Christmas holidays. **Also, following Government advice, the school will now be closed to all children on Friday 18th December.** If you have booked for your child to have a Christmas party buffet lunch on 18th December, this will now take place on Wednesday 16th December.

- Where a pupil (or staff member) develops symptoms **more than** 48 hours after being in school and subsequently tests positive, the school **should not** be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.
- Therefore, you should only contact the school when symptoms have developed **before Sunday 20th December** and a positive test result follows.
- For the first 6 days after teaching ends, (up to and including Wednesday 23rd December) if a pupil or staff member develops symptoms within 48 hours of being in school (i.e. before Sunday 20th December) and subsequently tests positive, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school. Therefore, should this be the case we will be in touch with you via email or text/APP message.
- Should you need to report a positive case to school please email: covid@goldenhillprimary.org.uk and a member of the school team will be in touch with you at the earliest convenience. This email account will be checked twice daily. Please do not message teachers directly or use the office email address.
- School staff are not asked to remain on-call or conduct any contact tracing more than 6 days after the final day of teaching: i.e. there should be no pupil contact tracing requests beyond Wednesday 23rd December.
- Where a pupil (or staff member) is required to self-isolate, either because of symptoms or due to contact with a positive case, **after** the first 6 days following the end of term (beyond Wednesday 23rd December), schools **do not** need to be informed about their absence until **Monday 4th January**.

We hope that this situation does not arise, but if it does these are the contact arrangements should you require them.

Thank you for your continued support. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish you a happy and safe Christmas

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Mr. S Martin

Head Teacher

