



# Eton Porny C. of E. First School

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Dear Parents and Carers

As you may be aware from the press in recent days, schools will continue to support NHS Test and Trace in identifying close contacts of known cases of Covid-19 **for 6 days after the final day of teaching.**

Please therefore note the following guidelines for confirmed coronavirus cases during the Christmas Holidays. Please read this letter carefully and keep it to refer to if required.

- Where a pupil 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 <https://contact-tracing.phe.gov.uk/>
- 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. Contact the school office on [office@etonporny.com](mailto:office@etonporny.com) **until Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 3pm.**
- School staff are not asked to remain on-call or conduct any contact tracing more than 6 days after the final day of teaching. As the our last teaching day is Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December, **there will be no pupil contact tracing requests acknowledged past Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 3pm.** The email will not be monitored after this time until Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January. Pupils who are required to self-isolate due to contact with a positive case after Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December should inform the school regarding the child's absence on the first day of the new term.

If a child returns a positive test prior to December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3pm AND had developed symptoms up to 48 hours after attending school, we would then need to identify close contacts and advise those children/staff to self-isolate for 10 days from the start of symptoms. If your child is required to self-isolate, due to a close contact, you will be notified by email by the school. I sincerely hope that there will be no need for us to action these protocols.

Finally, please do make sure that if you travel anywhere during the Christmas period that requires you and your family to quarantine, please do let us know on [office@etonporny.com](mailto:office@etonporny.com) and do not attempt to come into school. If you are unsure whether or not you need to quarantine, please check the travel corridor website as the restrictions are changing frequently <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-travel-corridors> and speak to the school office on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January BEFORE sending your child back to school

Wishing everyone a safe and happy Christmas.

Kind regards,

Katherine Russell - Headteacher



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