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**Headteacher – Mr Richard Kitching**

Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Re: Actions to take in the event of a Covid-19 Positive Case during the Christmas holidays**

Following on from recent information received from the DfE, I am writing to notify you about the actions that you need to take if your child tests positive for Covid-19 during the Christmas break period. This applies to any children that you have that currently attend Egginton Primary School.

If your child tests positive for Covid-19 during the first 6 days of the Christmas break (up to and including 24<sup>th</sup> December) please can you email me directly at [headteacher@egginton.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@egginton.derbyshire.sch.uk) and put in the subject line of the email 'Positive Covid-19 Case for (*Your Child's name*)'. In the email please give further details about the date and time that your child first started displaying symptoms of Covid-19 and any other information you have received from the NHS. It is essential that you do this as soon as you receive the positive test result.

The exact time that the Covid symptoms first developed is particularly important if they first started showing within 48 hours of your child last being in school as this will have an impact on which pupils and staff will be required to self-isolate (for example, if they first developed a high temperature at 8pm on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December).

I will be checking my emails on a daily basis during the first six days and will get back to you as soon as I can to confirm I have received your message.

Once notified of a positive case, I will contact the Public Health England team and follow the advice given to me. I will work with them to identify which pupils and staff have been in contact with the positive case during school hours and therefore will need to self-isolate in line with the current NHS guidelines.

If your child is identified as a contact that needs to self-isolate you will be informed in the first instance by text message and further information may follow on Parentmail or separately from NHS Test and Trace depending on the advice given by Public Health England.

If your child that attends school tests positive after the first six days of the Christmas break, then you are not required to notify me straight away due to the length of time that will have passed since the child was in school. In this scenario you will need to follow the current NHS guidance that applies to the wider public. Current links for further information are below:

[Symptoms of coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

[How long to self-isolate - Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

However, if your child is going to be absent from school at the start of next term due to testing positive, self-isolating or for any other illness or unforeseen circumstance, please notify the school office as normal.

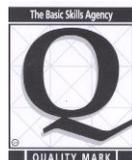
Hopefully, all of the above information will turn out to be inconsequential but it is important that you know what actions to take in the event of your child receiving a positive test during the Christmas break period.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Richard Kitching

Headteacher



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