

11<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear parents/carers

I hope you and your family are well and a massive thank you for the support you give to your children and the school. I would like to update you on responsibilities placed on schools by the government in relation to how school must inform parents/carers about positive Covid-19 cases within our school community, including during the Christmas holiday.

In brief:

- If your child has symptoms **up to and including Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December** and then tested positive, **contact** school so that we can contact trace.
- If your child's symptoms develop **from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December onward, do not contact the school.** Please follow NHS Test and Trace instruction.

The last day of term is Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December, as before, that means we will continue to inform by email any parent/carer whose child needs to self-isolate. We will do this until the end of the day on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December, in line with the Government's expectations on schools.

I understand that the news that a child will need to self-isolate can be upsetting to both the pupil and their family especially over the Christmas period. However, we have to follow the Department for Education's guidance in the current Covid-19 circumstances. This includes a clear procedure and clear timelines that we have to follow to identify pupils and staff who came into close contact with a pupil or staff member who has tested positive for Covid-19.

The School will not be checking messages for any other issues apart from notification of a positive test. If you are informing us of a positive test, please email us on:

- [info@george-eliot.warwickshire.sch.uk](mailto:info@george-eliot.warwickshire.sch.uk), or
- via the MyEd App

Thank you for your understanding about this matter and your continuous support. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

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