11th December 2020

REPORTING POSITIVE CASES OF CORONAVIRUS
DURING THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

PLEASE READ THE FOLOWING INFORMATION REGARDING THE REPORTING OF POSITIVE CASES OF CORONAVIRUS DURING THE CHRISTMAS HOIDAY 2020

If your child tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) at any point during the Christmas break, please notify us as soon as possible so we can complete the relevant tracking and tracing process with public health, if required, and notify any other children or staff who have been close contacts and who need to self-isolate.

During the holidays you should contact the school's admin team at:
Email: admin@parkside.herts.sch.uk
Tel: 0208 - 387- 3000

– this will only be monitored until Christmas Eve as after this point your child(ren) shouldn't be a close contact of anyone at the school.

Remember as soon as your child or any member of your household develops symptoms, they must start self-isolating immediately and book a test regardless of it being Christmas.

Main symptoms of coronavirus are:
- *a high temperature*
- *a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours*
- *a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal*

If you're not sure whether symptoms suggest that they have COVID-19 or an everyday cough or cold, you can consult this online NHS symptom checker: https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/

Please do not send children back to nursery or school if any of the following apply:
- *they have symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19)*
- *they, any members of your household, or any close contacts (including extended family or friends they have seen and bubbles at holiday activities and sports clubs) have tested positive for COVID-19*
- *they haven't completed the full 14 day isolation period requested*

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Self-isolating is one of the most important things we can all do to help stop the spread of the virus and protect our loved ones and the vulnerable. You can read our helpful self-isolating guide at: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/selfisolatingguide

If you or your family are affected by COVID-19 and need support locally with things like shopping, getting medication or financial advice, visit: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/coronavirus

It is very important that everyone follows this advice so that we all remain safe.

Yours sincerely

Headeteacher