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Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the Christmas holidays schools are expected to track and trace any positive COVID cases 6 days after the last day of teaching. For our school, this will be until 4pm on Thursday 24th December 2020. I will be available throughout this period to ensure that any confirmed positive cases can be effectively tracked and traced. Parents of children who have been in close contact with a confirmed positive case will be contacted and will be advised of the self-isolation period. This is in conjunction with public health advice which we have followed diligently throughout the pandemic.

We have also been asked to ensure staff, parents and carers are aware of the following information and relevant arrangements regarding positive cases in the holidays:

- 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.
- 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 our last day in school is Friday 18th December there should be no pupil contact tracing beyond Thursday 24th December.

We have a new 'COVID' school email for you to use to report any positive cases: covid@st-gregorys.co.uk. This email will be monitored daily between 18th and 24th December. After 24th December, all track and trace responsibility will be undertaken by Public Health England.

If you do need to report a positive case, we ask you give as much information as possible including: name and year group; date last in school; date of onset of symptoms; date of test; dates of isolation period from and to.

You may also be aware that isolation dates have now changed to 10 days rather than 14 days for those who have been in close contact with a positive case.

Please note that the usual school email will not be monitored from 18th December.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

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