

17 December 2020

Dear Parent/Carers,

### **Communication arrangements over the holidays - important update**

Public Health England and the DfE expect schools to continue to track and trace the contacts of any positive coronavirus (Covid-19) school cases at the beginning of the Christmas holidays, up to 23rd December. We would be grateful, therefore, if you would continue to inform the school if your child tests positive during this period so that we can respond accordingly. If this is the case, we will ensure the class bubble is informed and dates for self-isolation are made clear.

### **Please inform us by email on [stobhillgate@the3rivers.net](mailto:stobhillgate@the3rivers.net)**

*Please note that all other forms of contacting the school will not be checked over the holiday period, i.e. School Gateway or telephone messages.*

Where a child tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms **more than 48 hours** since being in school, we would still like to be informed so we can update our records, but in this scenario, parents and carers should follow the contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

It is vitally important that we have this information leading up to the school reopening in January, as individuals who have tested positive or who need to self-isolate because they are a close contact of a positive case, **must not return to school** until their period of isolation is over. Email messages to [stobhillgate@the3rivers.net](mailto:stobhillgate@the3rivers.net) will be checked again on 2nd and 3rd January 2021.

Please support us in this. Our aim, as always, is to ensure the school is safe for pupils and staff, to minimise the risk of the spread of the virus, and to keep the school open for our children.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher