

**Headteacher:
Mrs M Davis**

10th December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

You may have seen in the news yesterday that schools will be required to be on call for six days after the last day of term to be available to track and trace should we have any COVID cases after school closes for Christmas. Essentially this means that we will need to be on call until Christmas Eve. The government have indicated that schools can take an Inset day on the last day of term and finish on Thursday 17th December; which would mean that we would be on call until 23rd December.

This means that if schools finish teaching on 17th December, no COVID contact tracing will be expected of school staff after 23 December. The guidance says that, where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus, having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, *the school should not be contacted*. In this instance, parents and carers should follow contact-tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

For the first six days after teaching ends, if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, the school has been asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious while they were in school. Should you need to contact the school to inform us of a positive COVID test, then you should email office@cornfieldschool.org.uk or message the school App until 23rd December.

Regardless of timetable changes, we will be celebrating Christmas next week in school ! - albeit in a restricted way. Christmas jumper day will now be on Thursday the 17th, boys need to get designing; Christmas Lunch will also be on Thursday. If your son usually has a packed lunch but would like a Christmas dinner, please ensure he books this at the beginning of the week.

There are a number of college changes next week for KS4 and a continuation of the rota system we started last week. Tutors will be in contact with you to ensure schedules are clear. Thank you for continuing to support the boys to keep safe by hand washing and mask wearing. We are endeavouring to make sure all our school community can have a safe and enjoyable Christmas, we need to continue being safe around others.

If you have any queries or concerns please call the office and leave a message, we will get back to you; if you require a test, or need to report a test, please use the Cornfield app or email office@cornfieldschool.org.uk

Yours sincerely
Mrs M Davis
Headteacher

If any of this information is not clear please telephone the school on 01903 731277 where someone will explain it to you

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