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Friday 11th December 2020

Dear Parents,

Firstly, can I say a huge thank you for your support throughout a very strange term. Despite the circumstances in which we are currently operating, it has passed relatively smoothly. This is as result of the efforts of our staff and children coupled with your support.

I thought that it would be helpful to confirm a few points regarding the end of term and the 'Track and Trace' process undertaken by schools as a result of a pupil or staff member testing positive for Covid-19.

At all times, we are guided by the DFE, Public Health England and Shropshire Public Health when dealing with self-isolation advice to staff and pupils. The DFE hold the view that as many children as possible must be in school and from early on in the term the advice changed from a bubble isolation approach to asking schools to track and trace close contacts of confirmed cases. We have also been asked to undertake this process through the Christmas holidays until the 24th December 2020. Issuing a self-isolation letter is not something we would take lightly but are obliged to do so, where required, in line with guidance and to protect the wider population. Parents and staff are advised that they only need to inform us of a positive test if the symptoms emerged within 48 hours of being in school.

The text below is taken directly from the DFE email to schools:

- Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, the school should not be contacted.
 Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.
- 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.

If your child tests positive for Covid-19 please follow these procedures to enable us to protect the wider population and issue the self-isolation guidance required:











- Email <u>head@churchpreen.shropshire.sch.uk</u> this email will be monitored once per day at 10.00am.
 Please title the email Positive Covid Test
- The detail you must include is:

Name of pupil

Last date in school (and which school)

Date the symptoms started and what they were

Date of the positive test

Evidence of the positive test (a photo of the test result or email)

A phone number you can be contacted on between 10.00 and 11.00am

Following this we will identify any close contacts (those within 2m for 15 minutes or more and those within 1m for any length of time).

Any pupils or staff who have to self-isolate will be advised by a text/email. Please do not use the email address above for any queries relating to the issue of self-isolation letters, we will have acted fully on all of the information available to us and will be unable to undertake any further checks.

At all times we will follow the guidance and advice of the DFE, Public Health England and Shropshire Health Protection Team advice.

I can confirm that the school term will end on Friday 18th December (usual staggered finish time) with the pupils returning to school on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

I would like to wish you all a peaceful and Happy Christmas.

Best wishes,

Dave Tinker