



Plymouth High School for Girls

"For life, not school, we learn"

10th December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I write to confirm **COVID arrangements** for the last week of term and the first few days of the Christmas holiday. My aim here is to be as clear and transparent as possible. We want to limit the impact of possible Christmas period isolation as much as possible so that all our families can enjoy a restful and relaxing time. I hope that you find this letter helpful.

School will close as originally planned at 12.30pm on Friday the 18th December.

Here are the arrangements for contacting school if your child develops symptoms or takes a COVID-19 test.

During the last week of term, please do not send your child to school if they have COVID-19 symptoms and make sure that you tell us when reporting the absence that your child has symptoms. If your child has symptoms, you must arrange for them to be tested straight away.

If your child develops symptoms on Saturday or Sunday the 19th or 20th of December, please contact us by using the COVID contact button (this will go live after school closes on the 18th December) on the front page of our website to tell us that they have developed symptoms. Please then arrange for your child to be tested straight away. We will reply to you with details about the next steps.

If your child takes a COVID test on Saturday or Sunday the 19th or 20th of December, please contact us by using the COVID contact button on the front page of our website to tell us that they have taken a test. We will reply to you with details about the next steps.

We will run a close contact track and trace and email families who are affected as necessary.

If your child develops symptoms, or attends a testing centre for a COVID-19 test, **on or after Monday the 21st of December**, there is **no need to contact school**. NHS Track and Trace will contact you to identify close contacts. In this situation, **you do not need to consider contacts from school** when talking with the NHS, since it will have been at least 48 hours since your child was in school. If your child is unable to attend school on the 4th January, please contact school on the 4th January.

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If any of the events described below were to happen, families should be clear that we will need to inform close contacts that they must isolate for 14 days from the time of the last contact. This means that close contacts would not be able to leave the house for the period of isolation.

1. We are informed that a child develops symptoms on Saturday or Sunday the 19th and 20th December that later results in a positive test.
2. We are informed that a child takes a test on Saturday or Sunday the 19th and 20th December that later turns out to be positive.
3. We are informed that a child develops symptoms that later results in a positive test, or takes a test that later turns out to be positive up until the end of term.

I am sure that all families will continue to take precautions to keep everyone safe and to help us limit those affected by a positive case. I thank you for your diligence and support.

Best wishes,



Simon Underdown.
Headteacher.