



29th March 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you and your family are well and looking forward to the Easter break. As you may be aware, we have a legal responsibility to implement a track and trace system within our school, over the holiday, to minimise the spread of Covid-19.

The last day of term is Thursday 1 April, as we approach the Easter break I'm sharing a gentle reminder of the rules and processes for managing positive cases.

PLEASE NOTE: Email will be the only official means of communication during the Easter break. Please check your inbox regularly – including junk/spam folders.

Plymouth High School for Girls guidance for managing positive cases:

- You must continue to complete the home testing throughout the Easter holidays.
- The school will continue to operate its track and trace systems until Wednesday 7th April. If your child **develops symptoms on Friday or Saturday 2nd and 3rd April** that later results in a positive PCR test or **tests positive via a LFT on Friday or Saturday 2nd and 3rd April that is later confirmed by a PCR test** you must inform the school by emailing covid19@phsg.org **You must include your child's name, date of positive test result, date of first symptoms and the last date that they were in school.**
- Upon receiving reports of a positive test result, the school office will contact you to confirm the close contacts of your child and to confirm the dates of any self-isolation period. The school will then notify the parents of any close contacts via email. Only those impacted will be contacted.
- As per government advice - if your child tests positive for Covid-19 they have a legal responsibility to self-isolate for 10 days. If your child is identified by the school as a close contact of someone who has tested positive, we have a legal responsibility to inform them and advise self-isolation for 10 days. The NHS also have a useful page dedicated to [questions about self-isolation](#).
- If your child or anyone in your household develops symptoms throughout the holidays do not return to school. In this instance please contact the school office from Monday 19th April. In addition please book a test and if needed, seek advice from [nhs.uk](https://www.nhs.uk).

PLEASE NOTE: The school office will be closed during the Easter holidays,
if you have any medical questions please visit [nhs.uk](https://www.nhs.uk).

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (Covid-19) are recent onset of:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

Further information is available [here](#).

Thank you for support and understanding, I wish you and your family a relaxing half term.

Regards



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