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Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: INFORMATION FOR THE PARENTS AND CARERS OF CHILDREN IN OUR KEY WORKER / VULNERABLE BUBBLES (REGARDING COVID19 CONTACT TRACING OVER THE FEBRUARY HALF TERM HOLIDAY PERIOD)

I am writing to tell you what you need to do about reporting cases of COVID-19 and contact tracing over the February half term period.

As you know schools have played an important role in contact tracing. We have been identifying anyone who has been in close contact at school with someone who has tested positive for COVID19, up to 2 days before that person had symptoms. Those contacts then need to self-isolate for 10 days because they are at risk of having caught COVID-19 and being contagious themselves.

As with the Christmas holidays, contact tracing will be slightly different during the half term break when schools are closed.

Please follow the guidance below if your child begins to show symptoms or tests positive for COVID-19 during the half term break.

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19 within 48 hours of their last day in school	• Get a test for your child. • Everyone in your household must isolate at home until the test result is back. • **If the test result is positive for COVID19, you must inform the school immediately via email using the emergency email address (covid@holbeach.lewisham.sch.uk).** *The school will then identify any other people in the school community who are close contacts.* • If the test result is negative, you do not need to take any further action.
If your child has no symptoms of COVID-19 but tests positive within 48 hours of being in school	• **You must inform the school immediately via email using the emergency email address (covid@holbeach.lewisham.sch.uk).** *The school will then identify any other people in the school community who are close contacts.* *(It is important to follow the guidance around only getting a test if they are showing signs of COVID-19)*
If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19 more than 48 hours after their last day in school	• Get a test for your child. • Everyone in your household must isolate at home until the test result is back. • If the test result is positive for COVID-19, **you must contact NHS Test and Trace and follow the advice given** by them: www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/. • **You do not need to tell the school.**
The quickest way to get a test is to book a test at your local testing centre via https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test. **Please do not use postal tests unless absolutely necessary as these take longer.**	

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If your child tests positive COVID-19 within 48 hours of being in school you must inform the school immediately via email using the emergency email address (covid@holbeach.lewisham.sch.uk) and provide the following details:

- Child's name
- Class/year group
- Date last in school
- Date symptoms started/ child began to feel unwell
- Date of test
- Date positive result received

If you are contacted by the school because your child is identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, they must self-isolate for 10 days.

We ask that you **stick to all COVID-19 social distancing social mixing guidance over the half term period** to reduce the risk of transmission of the virus and keep us all safe and well over the break. It is also important to follow guidance. Please remember that rapid testing is available for anyone (without COVID symptoms) who needs to leave the home for work (https://lwssupportbusinessgrants.powerappsportals.com/booking-appointment/).

Coming back to school after the February half term

You should contact the school if your child will be absent on the first day of term and let us know if they are self-isolating.

It is really important that your child gets a test and does NOT return to school after the February half term if they have any of the three main COVID symptoms:

- Fever
- New continuous cough
- Loss or change to smell or taste

To be extra safe, if your child has any of the following symptoms, please keep them at home and contact the school on the first day of term:

- Loss of appetite
- Diarrhoea
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Extreme tiredness
- Headaches
- Joint pain
- Muscle ache
- Runny nose
- Sore throat
- Sneezing

Your child should NOT get a test if they have these symptoms WITHOUT one of the three main COVID symptoms

Thank you, in advance, for your cooperation and ongoing support. We hope you have a peaceful half term break. Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact us on **0208 690 4713**.

Yours sincerely

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