17th December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all well and looking forward to the Christmas break. I am sharing a gentle reminder of the rules and processes to follow when managing positive cases. While this is especially important as we head into the last few days of term, please note that they will still be in place as we go into the New Year.

The school will continue to operate its track and trace systems until the 23rd December and if your child shows symptoms or tests positive between the dates of 18th –23rd December, you must inform the school by emailing office@goodwinacademy.org.uk

The school office will be closed during the Christmas holidays, if you have any medical questions please visit www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/ . For questions about self-isolation please visit www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/

IMPORTANT

Following the Christmas break, if your child or anyone in your household develops symptoms **on or after Wednesday 23rd December** please book a test and seek advice from the nhs.uk website at www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/ . If this is a positive test please email office@goodwinacademy.org.uk before Monday 4th January, and we will then advise you on your child's return date to school.

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 at www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/

Mass Testing:

As I am sure you will have seen, mass testing in secondary schools has been announced, with the Government looking to start the process from January.

My team and I are reviewing how this will be implemented within our school and will release more information in early January 2021.

Thank you for support and understanding, I wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Smith
Principal