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Dear Parents and Carers,

14th December, 2020

Track and Trace and changes to self-isolation period

We have been asked by the government to assist with NHS Track and Trace for the first 6 days of the Christmas holiday. With this in mind we have put together this advice.

- When a pupil **tests positive** for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours after 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 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.
- School staff are not asked to remain on-call or conduct any contact tracing more than 6 days after the final day of teaching.
- Parents only need to contact the school if **symptoms emerged within 48 hours of pupils being in school and have been confirmed positive.**
- We are asking that parents contact school via admin@oakridge.n-yorks.sch.uk to alert school of a positive test result.
- Oakridge is simply passing on advice received from PHE and families are directed to contact [regional public health](#) teams if they have any questions about the email/text.

As many of you will have seen, the government announced on Friday that from Monday 14th December, the duration of isolation periods for close contacts of people who have tested positive COVID, changes from 14 days, to 10 days. The change to the isolation period for contacts will apply to all those who are currently self-isolating including those who commenced self-isolation before Monday 14th December.





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Important points to note:

- Self-isolation periods will begin on the day after exposure, a test or the start of symptoms.
- The NHS Test and Trace service will tell people to self-isolate for 10 days instead of 14 days from Monday 14th December.
- Due to the time taken to test technical changes and release updates through the app store, the NHS COVID-19 app will tell close contacts to isolate for 10 days instead of 14 days from Thursday 17 December.
- In England, if you receive a notification from the NHS COVID-19 app before 17 December to isolate because you have been in contact with someone who has tested positive:
 - if you have also been contacted by NHS Test and Trace you must follow isolation guidance provided by contact tracers
 - if you have been advised to isolate by the app (and not by NHS Test and Trace) then you can leave isolation when your isolation countdown timer says 3 days

Many thanks for your cooperation and I hope that together we can ensure a safe Christmas for all of us.

Take care,

Mrs Thompson

