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Dear Parents/Carers

RE: COVID19 symptoms over the Christmas holiday period

As you may be aware from recent news reports, the Government has suggested that schools may use Friday 18th December 2020 as an INSET day to help with the track and trace system for COVID19. Fortunately, our school already had this day set, so this is not applicable to us and there will be no change to our current term time. The last day for the children to be in school this term is Thursday 17th December 2020.

Should your child/ren develop any of the main COVID19 symptoms (shown below) within 48 hours of finishing school on 17th December, please notify the school secretary by email (secretary@pensilva.cornwall.sch.uk) as soon as possible. You will also need to arrange a COVID19 test and notify us of the results by email as soon as you receive them. Should the results be positive, we will contact Public Health England (PHE) and notify any parents and staff who have been in direct contact with your child that a child (no name will be given) in the same bubble as directed. The school email will be checked on a daily basis at 9am.

The symptoms to be aware of are:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Please note, that the DFE and PHE have stated that where a pupil or staff member develop symptoms after the 48 hours of the school closing, they do not need to contact the school and should use the 'normal' national track and trace system.



I would like to wish you all a happy, safe and healthy Christmas and a New Year.

Best wishes,

Teresa Clinick.