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Dear parent/carer

As we head towards the end of the Autumn term, we would like to explain a potential scenario that we as a school community may face, given the current situation in relation to COVID19.

Under current Public Health England guidelines, anyone who has been in close contact with someone displaying COVID 19 symptoms within 48 hours of the onset of these symptoms, is required to self-isolate to prevent potentially spreading the virus.

As a school, this raises the possibility that if a child who was in school on the last day of term, subsequently displays any coronavirus symptoms over the weekend of the 19th and 20th December **and then tests positive for COVID 19**, we, as a school, would have to contact the parents of students who have been in close contact with that student and ask them to self-isolate.

Given the UK Government's recent announcement regarding a five-day relaxation of rules over Christmas, I understand this is the last thing that anyone in our school community wants. Therefore, please take the opportunity to remind your children of the importance of continued hand washing and hygiene measures, to minimise the risk of this situation happening.

Should your child become symptomatic during the weekend of 19th and 20th December, please follow these steps:

1. Email the dedicated address: head@oakmeadowprimary.co.uk
2. The school will contact all potentially affected parents of students by text and email, to advise them that a student has symptoms and to consider reducing their own child's contact with others.

Please ensure your details are up to date with us!

3. Once the test result is known, contact school again via the dedicated email. This should be done whether the test result is positive or negative.
4. The school will contact parents of all potentially affected students again with the following instructions:
 - If a positive test result, affected students will be asked to self-isolate for fourteen days from Friday 18th December.
 - If a negative test result, no further action will be required.

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Please bear in mind that it could be as late as Wednesday 23rd December before a test result is known.

We, like you, very much hope this situation does not arise, however, should we have to contact parents to advise them to self-isolate during the festive period, please understand this is our statutory obligation under the current Public Health guidelines and not something we would be doing unless absolutely necessary.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding during the current times.

Kind Regards

The Oakmeadow Leadership Team

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