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Dear Parents and Carers,

Plans for Contact Tracing over the Easter Break

We have all been working hard towards keeping our community safe since we reopened school fully, to help with the national effort to limit the spread of the virus. Public Health England has again asked schools to contact trace over the Easter break, with school staff being asked to remain contactable so they can assist with contact tracing where necessary.

What we are asking you to do;

- For the first six days of the Easter break (1st April – 6th April), **if your child tests positive for coronavirus** (COVID-19), please let the school know as soon as possible, so we can identify if your child may have been infectious whilst in school. If this is the case, we can then identify any close contacts and advise them to self-isolate, as necessary.

We have been well supported over the last few months by parents, reporting this information to us and we ask you to continue to do this over the Easter break. We do not need to hear about secondary contacts eg. **A family member who tests positive or if someone has developed symptoms.**

What should I do if my child tests positive for Covid-19 during the first six days of the school holiday?

Email covidresult@cherrylane.hillingdon.sch.uk with Covid-19 as the title. Information to include;

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| • Full name of child | • The last day your child was in school |
| • Year group and class | • Date the test was taken |
| • Your contact telephone number | • Date of test result |
| • Date symptoms started and what they were | • Type of test – PCR / lateral flow |

How will school let me know if my child has been in close contact with a positive Covid-19 case?

- You will receive a text message that your child has been a close contact
- You will receive an email of a letter with details of the isolation period
- Only your child will need to isolate, not the household
- If your child does develop symptoms, please get a test and let school know the result

It is vital that school has your correct telephone details and that the email address used for Parent Pay is active.

If your child tests positive, develops symptoms or is waiting for a test result after the 6th April, please still let us know. It is unlikely that we will need other school members to self-isolate, because of the amount of time since they were in school. However, we will still need to know so we know when their isolation period ends and when they can return to school after the Easter break.

Thank you for your continued support. Our main priority is always to ensure that school is a safe environment for both our children and staff, and we are mindful of our community during this pandemic.

Keep Safe

Miss N Tranter (Co Headteacher)