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Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for everything you have done to reduce the spread of Covid-19 within our community. However, despite everyone's hard work and the recently launched vaccination programme, the Covid-19 virus remains amongst us for the foreseeable future.

We are writing to ask you to work with us over the first few days of the Christmas break to continue the fight against the virus. **It is vital that school is informed of any child that tests positive for Covid-19 if the symptoms started within 48 hours of when they were last in school.** This is so that we can support NHS Test and Trace with contact tracing.

Please take careful note of the following points:

- .1 If your child develops any symptoms between Friday 18 and Sunday 20 December and then tests positive for Covid-19 you **must** inform school of this (see below for contact details).
- .2 School **does not** need to be informed about children with symptoms who receive a negative test result.
- .3 School **does not** need to be informed of other family members who test positive but you must follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.
- .4 If school is informed that there has been a positive case of Covid-19 within 48 hours of the last day of term then we will contact Public Health England for advice and may need to inform other contacts of that child or member of staff and advise self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.

If your child tests positive as per point 1 above please can you contact the School Office and leave a message on 0115 9150298 or e-mail admin@gladehill.nottingham.sch.uk. **Staff will be monitoring these messages from Saturday 19 – Thursday 24 December to allow time for test results to be received.** These messages will not be monitored after this date until we return to school on 4 January 2021. Please inform the school office of any absence at the start of term in the usual way.

If you have any general queries about symptoms or your child's health over the Christmas break please contact the NHS helplines on 111 or 119 or visit the government website <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>.

We really hope that all children will stay safe and there will be no requirement to take the above action but we do ask for your cooperation if your child does test positive.

Yours sincerely

Ms Sheppard
Head Teacher