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Dear Parents/Carers

## Re Christmas Holiday

You may be aware that the government announced this week that schools can close a day early to children next week, swapping the staff training days around. We have decided not to do this for two reasons, firstly for many working parents we know you rely on the term dates being as static as possible to help you plan and secondly as we already have staff training booked for the planned Inset day on 4<sup>th</sup> January. We appreciate how patient and understanding you have been about the need to isolate when we have had positive cases this term and so want to keep the disruption to a minimum for you where we can.

During the first 6 days of the holidays (up to and including Christmas Eve for us) the DfE have asked us to continue our Track and Trace work. This means that **any pupil or staff member who develops symptoms within 48 hours of last being in school and then receives a positive test result for coronavirus needs to notify the school** at [office@bushfieldschool.org](mailto:office@bushfieldschool.org) so that we can advise the members of their bubbles to isolate in accordance with DfE and Public Health England advice.

Please be reminded that absences due to isolating for a test or for bubble isolation are not counted against any child's attendance. We also know that the process from developing symptoms to a test result can take up to five days. Any close contact to a positive case that puts a bubble into isolation next week will result in the children needing to isolate at home over the Christmas holiday which we recognise will be incredibly disappointing for families hoping to make 'Christmas bubbles' over the break but we still need to take our duty to protect everyone very seriously.

If your child is unable to attend while showing symptoms / isolating or waiting for a test, we are recording and posting work daily on Teams for Years 3-6 for all the children. See the 'Parent Info' tab on the websites for instructions on how to access or call the school office. We are trying to make any time out of school as close as we can curriculum wise to what is happening in school.

Best wishes

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