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**Change in guidance: Isolation – and attendance**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I apologise for another email but due to the constant changes in advice and guidance, it is our responsibility to keep you fully informed.

Some of you will have heard over the last few days that the government have changed the period of isolation for those either quarantining after travel or those who have been a contact of a positive case of coronavirus. From today, the length of time you’d need to isolate is no longer 14 days, but 10 days. This 10 days begins on the day after the symptoms of the contact began or from the test result of an asymptomatic case. The guidance can be found using the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-chief-medical-officers-statement-on-the-self-isolation-period-11-december-2020>

This is the final week of a long term and we intend to make it a very positive one for our children. After largely avoiding having to send bubbles home, we are hoping that our luck doesn’t run out this week so to aid us with this, please remember to follow the guidance and if your child has a high temperature, a loss of taste or smell or a persistent cough, please do not send them into school until they have had a negative test result. Also remember that if anyone in your household has gone for a test, the whole household needs to isolate until the result comes back negative.

On another note, can I thank you all for working with us to ensure your children are in school, despite many obvious challenges and concerns. Our attendance figures are on 92% but taking out those who have been off for reasons linked to Covid (testing, self-isolating, etc), the figure is 98%! That’s excellent.

As always, thank you again for your cooperation and understanding and fingers crossed for a lovely, Covid-free Christmas.

Best wishes,

***Simon Parker***

Headteacher