



# Learning together, growing together

## Dorin Park School and Specialist SEN College

### 14.12.20 – Christmas COVID-19 Arrangements

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, a reminder that term ends at Dorin Park School on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December** at normal end of the school day. School re-opens for pupils on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021**.

#### During the last week of term

Please continue to notify school if your child develops symptoms of COVID-19 or is asymptotically tested (tested when they don't have symptoms) in the final week before the Christmas break using the following email [parentcomms@dorinpark.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:parentcomms@dorinpark.cheshire.sch.uk).

#### Between 3.30pm on Friday 18th December 2020 and 3.30pm on Sunday 20th December 2020

If your child develops COVID-19 symptoms or is asymptotically tested (tested when they don't have symptoms) and your child was in school in the 48hrs prior to the symptom on-set (or test if they have been tested but don't have symptoms) email [parentcomms@dorinpark.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:parentcomms@dorinpark.cheshire.sch.uk).

You **do not** need to notify the school if your child has not been in school in the 48hrs prior to the symptom onset (or test if they have been tested but don't have symptoms)

#### After 3.30pm on Sunday 20th December 2020

If your child develops symptoms or is asymptotically tested (tested when they don't have symptoms) **after 3.30pm on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2020, don't contact the school**. Please follow guidance from NHS track and trace. The national test and trace service will contact you to complete the contact tracing. The school does not need to be notified if your child is required to self-isolate during the Christmas holidays.

#### Returning to school in January 2021

If your child will not be in school on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021** please email [parentcomms@dorinpark.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:parentcomms@dorinpark.cheshire.sch.uk) by **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021** outlining the reason why. We will then review these emails and get in touch with you when we re-open.

#### Testing

We would like to remind parents that children should only be tested if they develop any of the three COVID-19 symptoms:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal



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They should not be tested asymptotically (when they don't have symptoms) unless they are part of a study or have been advised to do so by a Consultant in Public Health.

### Summary of COVID notification deadlines

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Actions</b>	<b>Contacts</b>
Up to Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 3.30pm.	Continue to notify the school if your child develops symptoms of COVID-19 or is tested asymptotically (tested when they haven't got symptoms)	<a href="mailto:parentcomms@dorinpark.cheshire.sch.uk">parentcomms@dorinpark.cheshire.sch.uk</a>
After 3.30pm on Sunday 20th 2020	<b>Do not</b> notify school if your child starts with symptoms of COVID-19 or is tested asymptotically (tested when they haven't got symptoms)	No contact required
By 4 January 2021	Notify the school if your child will not be returning on the 5 January 2021	<a href="mailto:parentcomms@dorinpark.cheshire.sch.uk">parentcomms@dorinpark.cheshire.sch.uk</a>

Best wishes,

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