



# Denmead Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION - MONITORING COVID IN THE HOLIDAYS

The DFE has instructed schools to remain on duty and contactable during the Christmas holiday for 6 days after the last day of teaching. This is to allow positive COVID-19 cases to be identified and confirmed by a test and for 'close contacts' to be identified and contacted. As we close tomorrow Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December, relevant school staff will be working until 4pm on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December.

**It is essential that you inform us of any test taken AND THE RESULT as soon as possible following the guidelines set out below. Please remember if ANYONE in your household shows symptoms, the rest of the household should self-isolate immediately while a test is booked and you all follow the appropriate guidance following the test result received.**

- If your child develops symptoms **within 48 hours of being in school**, and then tests positive for COVID-19, you should contact the school via [admin.office@denmead-jun.hants.sch.uk](mailto:admin.office@denmead-jun.hants.sch.uk) as soon as possible, up **until 4pm on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December**. Please do not phone, as the school office will not be open.
- If your child develops symptoms and subsequently tests positive for COVID-19 **later than 48 hours** since last being in school (**i.e. from 1.45pm on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December**), school should NOT be contacted and you should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace instead.
- **After 4pm on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December**, if your child tests positive for COVID -19, you do not need to contact the school and should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace. **School staff will not be checking messages after this date.**

Should we be informed of a positive case following symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, we will need to identify 'close contacts' of that person and we will email you if your child is identified as such. Your child will then need to self-isolate for 10 days from the last point of contact with the confirmed case.

We will not be sending general emails to all parents informing you of cases, only to those who are identified in school as close contacts.

You have been incredibly supportive over the last term and I know you will understand that, should we need to contact you, we will be acting on the public health advice that we are duty bound to follow.

Kind regards,

Mr Andy Clarke  
Head Teacher

