

## THE VICTORY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### **Contact tracing during the Christmas holidays**

As you will be aware, schools across the country have been playing a key role in the government's Test and Trace programme helping to identify any close contacts of individuals within their school communities who have tested positive for Covid-19. Given that people with Covid can be infectious for several days before they start showing symptoms, we will need to continue carrying out this role into the holidays.

This is what to do should your child test positive for coronavirus over the Christmas holidays.

- ***From the end of the school day on 18 December until 10.00 on 24th December***

Parents/carers should contact us by email on this address: [covid-19@thevictory.portsmouth.sch.uk](mailto:covid-19@thevictory.portsmouth.sch.uk) In your email, please include your name, your child's name, the date when your child became symptomatic, their class, a contact number and the times when we can call you.

We will check the email address every day at 10.00. When we call you back, we will ask you some questions before contacting the Department for Education who will advise us about who will need to isolate and for how long.

Should other children in the school need to isolate, we will send out a text. Therefore, it is very important for us to have your current mobile phone number. There is no need for you to contact us unless your child has received a positive test result.

- ***From 24th December until the end of the holidays***

Parents/carers of children who have symptoms should arrange a test for their child. If the child gets a negative result they can come to school. Should your child have a positive test your family should isolate according to the Government guidelines. You will be told how long that should be for.

If your child tests positively, whether they are symptomatic or not, please email the school on [covid19@thevictory.portsmouth.sch.uk](mailto:covid19@thevictory.portsmouth.sch.uk) stating the child's name, date of birth, class, your contact number, the date when your child tested positive and your anticipated return to school date. We will not call you back until the beginning of term in this circumstance.

If your child is showing Covid symptoms, in the lead up to the beginning of term, please don't send them in. Instead, please contact the school.

Let's hope that these procedures never have to take place-merry Christmas to all.