

26<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

**RE: COVID Reporting for the half term holiday**

Thank you for your ongoing co-operation this school year as we continue to respond to the challenges of COVID-19. We are all seeing a more positive picture ahead and it is important we continue with our efforts. As we approach the half term holidays, we are asking you to help us continue to keep children and families safe over the holiday period.

It is very important that anybody who tests positive for COVID-19 continues to self-isolate, and that their household members do the same. If a pupil tests positive for COVID-19 during the half-term holiday (having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being at school), you must inform the school as we will need to track pupils and staff who had contact with the pupil who has tested positive. They will need to self-isolate also.

If your child tests positive for coronavirus during the holidays, having developed symptoms within 48 of being in school (i.e. develop symptoms on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> or Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2021) you must inform the school using the following email address:

[COVID-19.Reporting@rcobden.camden.sch.uk](mailto:COVID-19.Reporting@rcobden.camden.sch.uk)

In your email, please provide the following information:

**Name of child**

**Did the child have symptoms or not?**

**What date did symptoms start?** (this can be any feeling of being unwell, not just the three COVID symptoms)

**Date that test swab was taken**

**Date child was last in school**

**Has anyone else been unwell with COVID in your household?**

**Your contact phone number in case more information is needed**

A member of the leadership team will be monitoring this email account each day. If a positive case is reported, we will trace all relevant families and staff who need to self-isolate.

If a pupil tests positive for COVID-19 after Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2021, having developed symptoms more than 48 hours after being at school (i.e. developed symptoms from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April or later), you do not need to inform the school. You must follow the contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

**If anyone in your home develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should get tested and must remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared.**

All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 10 days.

The 10-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill. No one else needs to get tested unless they have symptoms of COVID-19.

**Household members should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home.** Household members staying at home for 10 days helps stop the virus spreading to others in the community. You should not have visitors to the home if anyone in the household is self-isolating.

**Symptoms of COVID-19**

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

**For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.**