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Dear parents & carers,

I write to outline the procedure for notifying school of a child with symptoms over the next couple of weeks. As we approach the end of term, it is important that parents and carers know the requirements if the child develops symptoms of coronavirus.

From Thursday 17th December until 2pm on Saturday 19th December

As you know, children finish school at the end of their lunchtime on Thursday 17th December. Should they develop symptoms or be swabbed asymptotically for coronavirus after they finish school, please notify us by telephoning 07929049149.

You must immediately get a test for your child as we will need to know as quickly as possible if they are positive for coronavirus. We have been notified by Public Health England that parents may take their child to the testing centre on Wellington Road without booking a test, from Thursday 17th December. People who develop symptoms before this date will need to book a test following the usual procedure.

Once test results are received, you will then need to call us again on the number above to let us know the outcome. We will need you to work with us in order to identify any close contacts that your child has been in contact with in the 48 hours before developing symptoms and in the days after this up until the positive test result. We will need to know of any person that the symptomatic child has come within 2m of for any length of time since developing symptoms and in the 48 hours proceeding this.

After 2pm on Saturday 19th December

Should your child develop symptoms after 2pm on Saturday 19th December or be swabbed asymptotically from this time, NHS Test and Trace will then be responsible for contact tracing.

Tier 2 restrictions

Last week, Cheshire West & Chester entered into tier 2 restrictions. In Tier 2, households are not allowed to mix indoors apart from in support bubbles, while a maximum of six people can meet outdoors. Pubs and bars must close unless operating as restaurants, meaning they must

serve substantial meals and may only serve alcohol with such a meal. From 2 December to 23 December, you must follow the guidance for the tier in your area.

Christmas period

From 23 December to 27 December, you may choose to form a Christmas bubble. A Christmas bubble will be able to spend time together in private homes, including second homes and caravans, to attend places of worship, or meet in a public outdoor place. If you do form a Christmas bubble, you should not meet socially with friends and family you do not live with in your home or garden unless they are part of your Christmas bubble. In all other settings, people should follow local restrictions in the tier in which they are meeting. If you do not form a Christmas bubble, you should continue to follow the guidance for the tier you are in.

Advice for vulnerable people

The following advice is for Critically Extremely Vulnerable (CEV) people:

- Socially distance within the house
- Increase ventilation by opening windows or doors
- All people in the house should wear face coverings

It is not recommended for those visiting a CEV person to get a test as this may provide a false sense of security.

Return to school

We will return to school for the spring term on Monday 4th January. If your child is unable to return on this date, due to self-isolation, because they are awaiting results of a test or having been a confirmed case of coronavirus, you must email response@theoaks.chestnec.sch.uk

I would like to wish all of our families a safe and happy Christmas period and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Yours faithfully

Mrs L Roberts
Headteacher