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Dear Families,

Arrangements for the Easter Holidays

As we approach the Easter holidays, I wanted to take a moment to confirm some of the practical details around managing COVID-19 cases and test results during the Half Term break.

As we have seen throughout this pandemic, schools continue to deliver an essential public service to families through these unprecedented and challenging times. The impact of these efforts from each and every staff member in school should never be underestimated.

The Government have stated that schools are required to continue to provide contact tracing of new COVID-19 cases through the Easter break. School will only need to be notified about a pupil having COVID-19 if they were in school on Thursday 25th or Friday 26 of March and develop symptoms within 48 hours of being in school - **before midnight on Sunday 28th March 2021.**

If your child develops COVID-19 symptoms on either Saturday 27th or Sunday 28th March 2021 and were in school within the preceding 48-hour period, this may mean their class team/bubble will need to isolate for 10 days.

With the onset of any symptoms, all pupils should get tested immediately, so that any confirmed cases of COVID-19 can be identified as soon as possible, which includes us contacting other staff and families in your child's bubble to ask them to isolate.

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

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.

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these.

Up until midnight on Sunday 28th of March, we are therefore asking families to:

let us know immediately if your child develops COVID-19 symptoms;

arrange for a test;

inform us of the test result as soon as you are aware of it (results are usually provided within 24 hours)

Please notify school by emailing lwindle@nexusmat.org OR by telephone to 07944887782 (Easter Safeguarding Phone number)

If your child develops symptoms from Monday 29th of March 2021, school does **not** need to take further action, so we are not asking you to inform us until we are scheduled to return after the Easter break.

If all families can work with us on this approach, it should mean that staff and families will be aware of any self-isolation requirements by Monday 29th of March 2021. Beyond that date, you will just need to engage with the NHS test & trace service.

Can I also reiterate that you must not send your child into school if anyone in the household has symptoms, is being tested, or has a positive Covid-19 test result.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Your Sincerely,

Mrs L Windle

Executive Headteacher

