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Dear Parents and Carers

Following yesterday's communication regarding a Year 9 student testing positive for COVID-19, we have now contacted all parents who may have a child in school who is classed as a 'close contact', outlining details regarding individual's isolation period.

We have subsequently been asked to clarify what the situation is regarding actions families should take should their child test positive during the Christmas period; the following guidance has been given to all schools :

1. Should your child develop symptoms or have a positive test on either Friday 18th, Saturday 19th or Sunday 20th December then you are asked to inform the school immediately. This should be done by e-mailing covid.support@oldburywells.com. This will trigger a call back from school at the earliest opportunity to provide any feedback to Public Health with regards to any additional action which may be required.
2. If your child develops symptoms or tests positive from Monday 21st December onwards then parents should use the NHS Track and Trace system. There is no requirement to contact the school from this point unless a period of self-isolation will result in your child not returning back to school at the start of term on Monday 4th January. This is because it will have been longer than 48 hours since they were in school and will therefore, not affect any other staff or students.

Can I thank you for your continued support with the hope that everyone remains safe and well over the festive period. I very much hope that you can enjoy some time with your close family within the guidance provide by the government aimed at keeping everyone safe.

Many thanks
Yours faithfully

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