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### **Family isolation during the Christmas holiday period**

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you will be no doubt be aware, there is a possibility that children, families and staff may have to go into isolation for the duration of the Christmas holiday. This will be a requirement if your child tests positive for COVID-19 or comes into contact with a confirmed positive case towards the end of this term. We are sure you will agree with us that this would be very upsetting for our children, families and staff over the Christmas period.

We therefore urge you to continue to follow all the Tier 3 guidance in an effort to keep the virus out of our school and community. If any member of your household is unwell with any COVID-19 symptoms all members of the household must isolate until a test result is obtained. It is unacceptable to send your child to school whilst you wait for test results for any member of the household. It is also vital that we contact children and staff if they may have been exposed to the virus whilst at school and this will mean that if your child tests positive for COVID-19 in the holiday period you must inform us. We require the following information:

- **Name**
- **Class**
- **Date of onset of COVID symptoms**
- **Date of positive test**
- **Last date in school**
- **Mobile phone number in which we can contact you**

Please send an **URGENT** email to [admin@boundary.blackpool.sch.uk](mailto:admin@boundary.blackpool.sch.uk). This email will be monitored until noon on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December and we will do our best to keep in touch whilst the testing process takes place.

You will have probably realised that this means you may receive a message during the Christmas holidays to say that your child needs to isolate.

We truly hope that we will not need to contact any parents/families or staff as everyone deserves a well-earned break in these difficult times and by all doing our best to keep safe and follow the guidance we hope that this contingency plan will not be needed.

Please remember to leave a message on the school answering machine or email school should your child be unable to return on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January for any reason.

We would like to thank you for your continued support in these difficult times and we hope that you have a happy and safe Christmas and we look forward to the New Year.

Yours sincerely

*S Ashton*

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