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Dear Families

Newsletter Guidance and school provision for supporting the Deal Community during COVID

In order to reduce the spread of the COVID 19 virus schools have been asked to assist in the track and trace procedures during the first **6 days** of our Christmas holiday.

Let's all hope that we will not need to carry out the following – but just in case....

I will aim to check my school e mails once a day in the morning.

If your child displays COVID symptoms up to 6 days after we break up on Friday 18th December, which takes us through to Thursday 24th December, you're advised to do the following: -

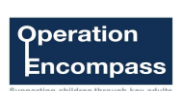
1. Arrange for a COVID test

If the test result is positive, please contact me by email –

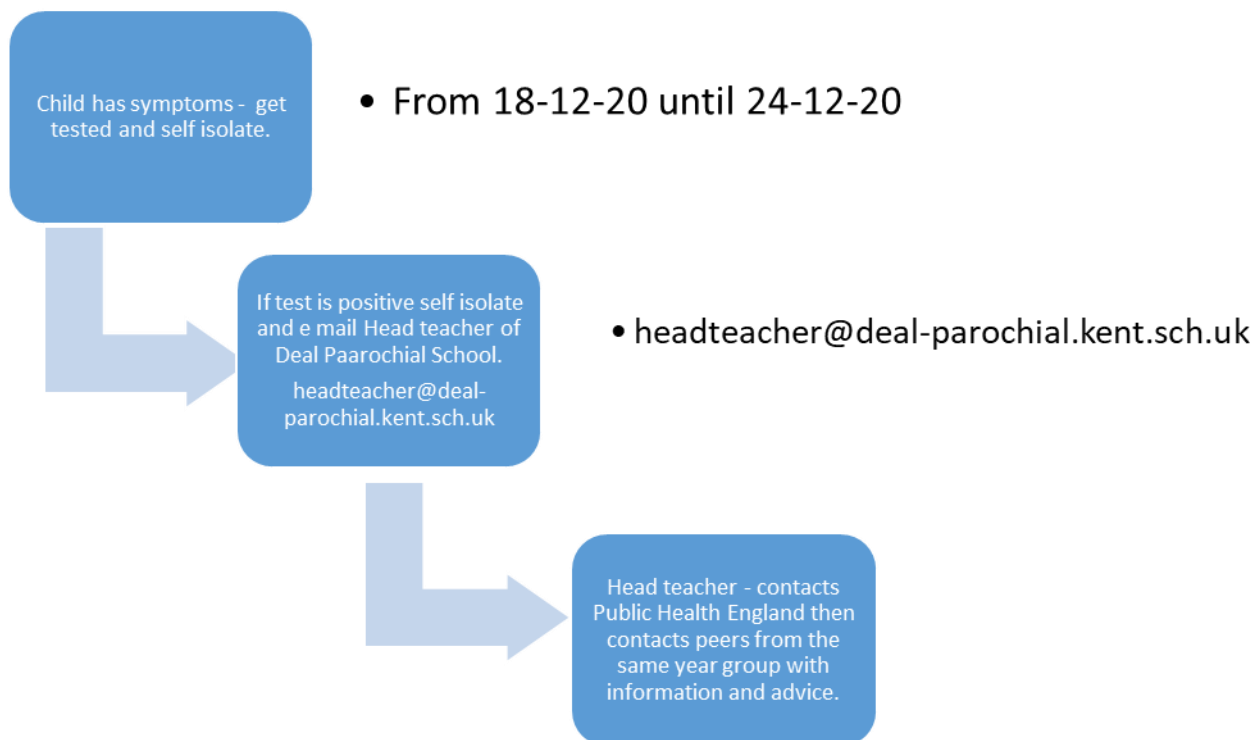
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Please provide the following information:-

- **Your child's full name.**
 - **Their year group.**
 - **The date of the test result.**
2. I will contact parents of children in the same year group advising that these peers must self-isolate for 10 days from their last contact with the positive child. I will send out the standard letter from Public Health England to the families concerned.
3. During this time of self-isolation, should you notice any symptoms that are specific to COVID, then you are advised to book a test and remain in isolation.



4. Parents will not need to contact me after this point during the holiday as PHE Track and Trace will take responsibility for contacting the community beyond this date.



Many thanks for all patience and continued support.

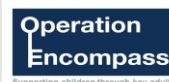
I really hope that we all, including all my staff here at DP, have the opportunity to spend time with families, to have some fun and to keep healthy and safe during the Christmas holiday.

Our thoughts are with those unfortunate people who have already tested positive with the Corona virus, and pray that they are recovering quickly and are comfortable at home.

Who can get a free test?

You can only get a free NHS test if at least one of the following applies:

- you have a high temperature
- you have a new, continuous cough
- you've lost your sense of smell or taste or it's changed
- you've been asked to get a test by a local council



- you're taking part in a government pilot project
- you've been asked to get a test to confirm a positive result

You can also get a test for someone you live with who has symptoms.

If you're going into hospital

You may need to get tested if you're due to have surgery or a procedure.

The hospital will arrange this for you. Contact your hospital department if you have any questions.

Local test sites and contact details.

Covid-19 Drive-through Testing Site - Ashford (Victoria Road Car Park)

Medical laboratory · Ashford · [0300 303 2713](tel:03003032713)

Covid-19 Walk-through Testing Site - Canterbury (Car Park Gate 6, North Holmes Road)

Medical laboratory · Canterbury: [0300 303 2713](tel:03003032713)

Manston International Airport, Manston Rd, Ramsgate CT12 5BQ

Closes 8PM : [0300 303 2713](tel:03003032713)

I hope this is helpful. I know that the guidelines keep being updated which can sometimes catch us out.

Keep safe, wash your hands and continue to socially distance when possible.

Laughing and smiling keeps our immunity healthy - so my advice is carry on, carrying on!!

With good wishes for a safe and Happy Christmas

Justine Brown
Head Teacher

