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Dear parents and carers,

Further to my letter last week regarding changes to the end of term, I wanted to take the opportunity to remind parents of the current guidelines that are in place for Covid-19 over the Christmas period, and the support and contact that is still required by your child's school.

Although discussions are ongoing at Westminster about COVID Tier decisions, we still expect the whole of Devon to remain in Tier 2. For your convenience, you will find here a summary poster from the Government outlining the rules that we must all follow.

Please remember to keep anyone in your household at home if you suspect they have COVID-19 symptoms. The latest advice from the Government is here.

If a child tests positive for COVID-19, we are required to run a track and trace process and inform families and staff who have been in close contact with the confirmed case. We will continue to communicate with parents at the earliest opportunity whenever this happens. To support us with this over the early part of the Christmas holidays, if you receive a positive Covid-19 test result you should inform us as soon as possible. Please email your child's school, using the following email:

oakwood.office@discoverymat.co.uk

Thank you for understanding that every positive case takes us a considerable amount of time to investigate and resolve. We will respond to each case and communicate with you as quickly as possible, up to and including the 23rd December, as requested by the Department of Education.

If your child tests positive for COVID-19 after 23rd December, **please liaise with the NHS for track and trace.** We will not be checking school emails from Christmas Eve until we return to school. If your child needs to isolate over the Christmas period and this extends to the Spring term, please let us know on the first day back in school, Monday the 4th of January, that your child is absent.

Thank you again for your continued support, and I hope that by following the Government's guidelines over the festive season that we will all have a healthy and happy New Year. I wish you all a very 'Happy Christmas'.

With very best wishes

Mrs Alison Nettleship
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