

18th December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

We hope this update letter finds you well. I have been delighted this week to see the children continuing to remain focused on enjoyment, achievement and learning.

It has been a rewarding week for me as Headteacher and I have been proud to see many examples of our school's values and vision being displayed by our school family. In particular the highlights have been seeing all of our wonderful children get in the festive spirit and watch themselves in our virtual school performance 'Twas the night before Christmas break' and their brilliant reaction to seeing themselves on camera. I truly feel that video captured our children's festive spirit. A huge thank you to Mrs Allen for the production of the video.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued co-operation and support as schools and families change their plans frequently in response to COVID cases in school. This has not only been complex for the school to manage on a day to day basis but will have often meant it unavoidably impacted on your own arrangements at short notice.

I would also like to recognise the hard work the school staff have undertaken throughout this term. We have continually made radical changes to the way in which we operate in response to changing government guidance, on a daily basis. All whilst managing COVID-19 cases, class bubbles, staffing availability and remote learning when self-isolation periods impacted on the usual capacity to run a school.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - Covid-19 Update

The Department for Education have very recently confirmed that they require schools to continue to support in the test and trace process of Coronavirus for **six days after the last day of teaching**. This means we will need to report all positive cases of COVID of children registered at our school, **until the 24th of December**.

What do I need to do?

Please do read the information overleaf; the information is based on the 48hr infection period guidance from government.

Date(s)	Who I should contact with information if my child tests <u>positive</u> to COVID 19?	What will I do?
Saturday 19 th December	Miss Heaslip head@hcschool.org.uk	Any positive cases of children and staff for Coronavirus would have a test and trace implication based on their contact during the school term on the 17 th and 18 th December. You would be contacted by myself; bubble members would be asked to self-isolate for ten days from the last point of contact
Sunday 20 th December	Miss Heaslip head@hcschool.org.uk	Any positive cases would have a test and trace implication based on their contact during the school term on the 18 th December. You would be contacted by myself; bubble members would be asked to self-isolate for ten days from the last point of contact.
Monday 21 st December to Thursday 24 th December	Miss Heaslip head@hcschool.org.uk	Any positive cases with symptoms from this date and time would not impact on children and staff in school. However, relevant bubble members may be warned and informed of this by myself as a courtesy. Delayed test results of symptoms shown before Monday 21 st December may result in bubble members being asked to self-isolate.
Friday 25 th December to Sunday 3 rd January 2021	Should your child test positive during these dates, please e-mail head@hcschool.org.uk and we will record this when the school reopens in January.	Our school e-mails will be closed during these dates.

From the team at Houghton Conquest we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing all of the children on **Tuesday 5th January 2021**. Thank you for your support to our schools this year and let us hope that the New Year sees the start of a return to normality for us all.

Yours sincerely



Miss Heaslip
Headteacher