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Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the end of a very challenging term, may I say a huge thank you to all families and children for their dedication, support and enthusiasm to get back to school, their hard work and willingness to complete home learning, when it has been necessary.

The upcoming Christmas period, and some easing of lockdown measures, will hopefully give us greater opportunities to connect with our loved ones and share the festive season in larger groups. However, as the government have advised, we need to maintain our determination to stay safe. The children may not be in school, but this does not mean that they, their parents or family members may not test positive for Covid-19 while we are not at school.

To help keep the school community open in January, the Senior Leadership Team will be running an on-call system over Christmas so that we can inform parents and carers if the need to isolate arises. The following measures have been put in place and we ask that all parents and carers follow this guidance, to protect our staff and children.

#### Contacting school if your child tests positive

- If your child tests positive between 18<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> December 2020 please email [Deputyheadteacher@airedale-jun.wakefield.sch.uk](mailto:Deputyheadteacher@airedale-jun.wakefield.sch.uk) and send a screen shot of the information from the NHS and the date they started with symptoms. If your child is asymptomatic, then we work from the date of the test.
- If you test positive and your child needs to isolate, please email [Deputyheadteacher@airedale-jun.wakefield.sch.uk](mailto:Deputyheadteacher@airedale-jun.wakefield.sch.uk) and let us know the date your child will be returning to school
- Home learning will not be provided for this period, but the website is full of ideas and links to learning if you wish to use it
- Teachers will not be responding to Seesaw comments for this period of time- you are welcome to post, but staff need a much earned break and we will not expect them to log in.
- Staff may posts announcements to their classes, but this is not an expectation and is personal choice



If a child or adult in a bubble tests positive between now and the 21<sup>st</sup> December

- If school are notified of a positive case, be that children or staff, you will receive a notification via My Child at School and through Seesaw. The Senior Leadership team will use Seesaw as a means of communication but will be unable to respond to questions.
- Your child will be able to return to school following the required isolation period or when school opens on 5<sup>th</sup> January whichever date applies
- Home learning will be uploaded from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January at the start of the new term.
- Please direct questions to [Deputyheadteacher@airedale-jun.wakefield.sch.uk](mailto:Deputyheadteacher@airedale-jun.wakefield.sch.uk) and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

If your child tests positive on or after the 27<sup>th</sup> December 2020, please notify school through the [Deputyheadteacher@airedale-jun.wakefield.sch.uk](mailto:Deputyheadteacher@airedale-jun.wakefield.sch.uk) email  
Continue to follow the guidance from NHS track and Trace.

Thank you for your patience and understanding through this most unusual of times  
Mrs Robinson