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Letter to parents about Christmas holiday 2020.

Dear Parents,

The purpose of this letter is to explain the plan school has over the Christmas break for what all of us need to do if we present with symptoms of, or receive a positive test result for Coronavirus. The advice school has received from the DfE is outlined below:

For the first 6 days after teaching ends, if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school. Parents will need to notify school via the e-mail address enquiry@stmgtmry.bham.sch.uk. This e-mail address will be monitored throughout the day.

Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, the school should not be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

Where pupils are required to self-isolate due to contact with a positive case after the first 6 days following the end of term, schools do not need to be informed about their absence until the first day of the new term.

The DfE have also advised schools that they can take Friday December 18th as a “non-teaching day” ensuring that by Christmas Eve there will be no need for anyone to contact school. Thus, Father Simon and I have decided to heed this advice and school will close for the Christmas break on **Thursday December 17th at 3.00pm**. Please do read the advice within this letter and be aware of what to do if anyone in your family has symptoms or tests positive.



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Finally, I appreciate this slight change of date is somewhat short notice however information surrounding this topic is arriving in school on a daily basis and I had to meet with Father Simon before deciding on the best course of action. I thank you for your understanding with this matter.

Many thanks for your continued support with all of these matters.

M Aldred Head teacher.

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