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Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support since the start of this academic year. In these unprecedented times, our staff, students and families have worked together to provide a safe environment in which children can learn and thrive. I am really proud of everyone.

As it is now half-term, I am writing to you with some important guidance around COVID-19 over the holiday period, and some action that I need you to take in the unlikely event that your child tests positive for COVID-19.

General COVID-19 Guidance

COVID-19 exists in our wider community outside of school, and therefore it is important for us to remain vigilant over half-term. The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are the recent development of any of the following:

- A high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature).
- A new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual).
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

If your child or any member of your household develops symptoms of COVID-19 they must get a test and remain at home for at least 10 days from when their symptoms first appeared until they receive a negative test result. Anyone with symptoms can receive a test by going to <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

If your child or any member of your household has symptoms or a confirmed case, all other household members who are well must also stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. They should not go to work or public areas, and you should ask friends or family for their help with shopping or picking up medication.

Public Health England 'Stay at Home' Guidance is available here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

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What if my child tests positive for COVID-19 over half-term?

In the event of your child testing positive for COVID-19 during the half term break (between Saturday 24th October – Sunday 1st November), you must let us know as soon as possible.

You should contact the Academy by email using the following email address:

COVIDtest@oasislordshill.org

In your email, please state your child's name, the date of the positive test and the date that they first developed symptoms of COVID-19. Please also provide a contact telephone number.

After half term finishes if your child has any of the symptoms detailed on the previous page, or it has been confirmed that they have COVID-19, it is very important that you keep them at home. If you are in any doubt, please contact us using COVIDtest@oasislordshill.org before bringing your child to school, so we can advise you on what action you need to take.

Once again, thank you so much for your support. I am looking forward to seeing all of our students back at the Academy on Monday 2nd November, and enjoying another safe and successful half-term at Lord's Hill.

Yours sincerely



Mr Rob Forder
Principal