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Dear Parents/Carers

As we come to the end of the autumn term we would again like to thank you all for your support, kind words and patience during these unprecedented times.

We have been made aware that Schools are being asked by Public Health England to agree a 6 day window after the final day of teaching to remain contactable so that we can assist them with contact tracing where necessary. The direct guidance states:

- **For the first 6 days after teaching ends (up to and including 24 December), 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.**

Therefore, in order to protect our most vulnerable children, families and members of staff and in line with the information that has been shared previously by Public Health, we would be grateful if you could notify us if a child **tests positive** for COVID19. If you receive confirmation, please could you contact the appropriate setting with the following information:

- The family member with the symptoms
- The symptoms they are displaying
- The date symptoms were first noticed
- The date of test
- The date of a confirmed positive test

#### Guidance about the provision we are offering:

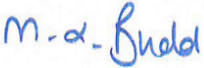
Question	Advice	Contact Details
What should I do if my child develops symptoms within 48 hours of the school/playgroup closing for Christmas (Saturday 19 or Sunday 20 December)?	You must contact the education setting even if you have not yet had the results of the test	Please contact Head/manager of education setting: <a href="mailto:northwaypreschoolplaygroup@googlemail.com">northwaypreschoolplaygroup@googlemail.com</a> <a href="mailto:head@northway.gloucs.sch.uk">head@northway.gloucs.sch.uk</a> <a href="mailto:head@carrantbrook.gloucs.sch.uk">head@carrantbrook.gloucs.sch.uk</a>
What should I do if my child tests positive within 48 hours of the school/playgroup closing for Christmas?	You must continue to inform the setting of CONFIRMED cases if symptoms have developed within 48 hours of last being in school	Please contact Head/manager of education setting: <a href="mailto:northwaypreschoolplaygroup@googlemail.com">northwaypreschoolplaygroup@googlemail.com</a> <a href="mailto:head@northway.gloucs.sch.uk">head@northway.gloucs.sch.uk</a> <a href="mailto:head@carrantbrook.gloucs.sch.uk">head@carrantbrook.gloucs.sch.uk</a>
What should I do if my child develops symptoms <b>after</b> the first 48 hours of the school closing for Christmas (from	Where a pupil tests positive more than 48 hours since last being in school you are to contact <b>Gloucestershire County Council/Mrs Sprason</b>	For Northway Infants and Carrant Brook Junior School: <a href="mailto:COVIDschoolenquires@gloucestershire.gov.uk">COVIDschoolenquires@gloucestershire.gov.uk</a> 01452 426015 (covered from 9am - 5pm on these days)

Monday 21 - Thursday 24 December inclusive)?		For Northway Playgroup -please contact Mrs Sprason: <a href="mailto:northwaypreschoolplaygroup@googlemail.com">northwaypreschoolplaygroup@googlemail.com</a>
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If symptoms first appear from Friday 25 December, onwards, **you do not need** to contact the School/Playgroup. Please contact the setting on Tuesday 5 January 2021.

The above information will of course be confidential, but it will help us plan and prepare for a safe return for the children in January. If we need to notify Parents/Carers that a bubble has broken, the bubble will need to isolate 10 days from the first day onset of symptoms/a positive test result. Due to the fact that it will be the holidays, Parents will be notified by **text by Carrant Brook and Northway Infants and email by Northway Playgroup.**

Thank you for your co-operation and we wish you all a very Merry Christmas - stay safe!



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