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"Stand firm... be courageous" 1 Corinthians 16:13

Dear Parents,

We hope you all keep well over the Christmas holidays and are able to keep in touch with family and loved ones.

Please note, we have a duty to inform you if we receive confirmation of a positive case in school affecting your child's class. This is still the case after we break up on Friday 18th – for a short period of time only.

If your child is in school up to and including Friday 18th and then **presents with Covid symptoms before 3.30pm on Sunday 20th December**, which a test later **confirms to be positive**, they would send the staff and children in their class into self-isolation for 10 days. This is because your child was in contact with their class bubble within the 48 hour infectious period before their symptoms started.

If this situation arises, please:

- Email the school office (office@stgabriels.blackburn.sch.uk) **no later than Sunday evening**, to inform of us that your child has symptoms and that you have/or will be arranging a test.

Then...

- Email the office **ASAP (and no later than Wednesday 23rd)** with your NHS confirmation email / text (whether positive or negative). If positive, we will then notify parents of any children who will be required to self-isolate.

If your child develops symptoms after 3.30pm on Sunday 20th December and goes on to test positive, national Test and Trace will provide support **and school will not need to be informed** as your child has not been in contact with children or staff from school within 48 hours. The National test and trace service will work with you in order to identify contacts who will need to be isolated.

We are all hoping that this does not happen and that no children, or staff, are in a position of having to self-isolate over the holiday period.

We hope to welcome all children back to school on Monday 4th January, but once again, please be mindful that **if your children have any Covid symptoms, they should not come back to school, but should get a test.** If a family member tests positive, please note the isolation period for all close contacts is now 10 days, not 14.

On behalf of all the staff and governors, we want to thank you for your tremendous support and cooperation throughout this pandemic and we truly hope that you can all enjoy a restful and uneventful holiday.

Best wishes,

Mrs Haigh