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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Covid-19 Arrangements over the Christmas Holidays

Please read the following information carefully and keep to hand:

If after school has closed on Friday, December 18th, your child develops any of the main COVID symptoms (persistent cough, high temperature or loss of taste and/or smell) and has a positive test within 48 hours of being in school (any time prior to the end of the day on Sunday 20th December), **you must inform the school by emailing safeguarding@beecholme.merton.sch.uk and writing Covid Information as the subject.**

The school will then work to identify close contacts and advise self-isolation, if the individual has been infectious whilst in school.

PLEASE DO NOT EMAIL OR CALL THE SCHOOL OFFICE. The office email address and phones will not be manned or checked during the school holidays.

Due to the fact that home test results take much longer to come back, please try to only book a test at a test centre, as the delay in results means that any child who has been potentially exposed within a class will not know about having to self-isolate in the run up to Christmas and the potential spread in families could be much greater. Test centre results are generally coming back within 24-48 hours.

Kind regards,

Mrs Phyllis Sternberg

Headteacher