HOLY TRINITY
Church of England Academy
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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will know the last day of term ends on Thursday 17th December and pupils will return on Tuesday 5th January 2021

Like you, we are looking forward to the holidays, but we are keen to continue to follow government advice - as we have done through every stage of the COVID-19 pandemic.

We have been asked to remind parents and carers to use our local testing facility this week for any children who are displaying symptoms and to inform school of a positive test result as soon as possible. Using the local testing facility will help speed up the results rather than opting for a home testing kit. The best way to book a test is to telephone 119 or visit https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test. We are not aware of any problems with capacity currently in getting a test at a test centre.

We have also been asked to ensure staff, parents and carers are aware of the following information and relevant arrangements regarding positive cases in the holidays:

- 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.

- School staff are not asked to remain on-call or conduct any contact tracing more than 6 days after the final day of teaching. As our last day in school is Thursday 17th December there should be no pupil contact tracing beyond Wednesday 23rd December.

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In line with this guidance, the school email will not be monitored from Thursday 24th December and all track and trace responsibility will be undertaken by Public Health England.

Please note our school email address: info@holytrinityceacademy.co.uk

May I wish you a happy and healthy Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all safely on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

Yours sincerely

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