

1 April 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another demanding term for families and school staff I write to you firstly to thank you again for your ongoing support and understanding.

Secondly, I write to explain the arrangements for test and tracing over the holidays and inform you of the updated government guidance.

School will be closed from Friday 2 April and will re-open on Monday 19 April. In line with the government guidance we will be offering a tracing service at the start of the Easter holidays. We would like to thank all the families and students who have continued self-testing at home using the LFDs following the initial roll out in school. It is important that students continue to test twice weekly over the Easter break.

### **If my child tests positive**

If your child tests positive for Covid-19 on Friday 2 April or Saturday 3 April, please contact school by emailing [covid@hgsc.co.uk](mailto:covid@hgsc.co.uk) along with NHS test and trace. This will enable school to trace and inform close contacts from the previous 48 hours. The school will respond to these emails up until Tuesday 6 April.

NHS Test and Trace is reintroducing confirmatory PCR testing for positive LFD tests. This means that all students who get a positive LFD test, should get a confirmatory PCR. The PCR test should be booked immediately either [online](#) or by calling 119 and should be undertaken within 2 days.

Students who had a positive LFD test result, and their close contacts and other members of their household, should self-isolate immediately in line with [NHS Test and Trace guidance](#) and while awaiting the PCR result. If the PCR test is negative, it overrides the LFD test and the student can return to school or college, and their close contacts can end their self-isolation.

### **If my child tests negative**

A negative PCR or LFD result should not be read as a means to relax or ignore social distancing or other virus prevention measures intended to reduce transmission – rapid testing is an additional tool that contributes to reducing risk.

We wish you and your families a restful and healthy holiday.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'K Reynolds'.

K Reynolds  
Deputy Headteacher