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Dear Parent/Carer

As we all look forward to the upcoming holidays, I wanted to get in touch to thank you for your ongoing support over these last few months and outline the arrangements in place to ensure we can continue to fight against Covid-19 in the weeks ahead.

Over the last few weeks in East Renfrewshire, we have seen the number of positive cases begin to fall within our community. I am pleased that the number of cases across our schools and nurseries has remained very low, with fewer children and young people missing out on school as a result. This is great news.

While the number of cases remain low and the measures across our school are helping to keep everyone as safe as possible, unfortunately we might still see some more positive cases in the weeks ahead. I therefore wanted to update you on the arrangements that have been put in place which should be followed if your child does happen to test positive during the holidays when the school/nursery is closed from Thursday 1st April.

Positive Case where your child's symptoms first developed on or before Saturday 3rd April

- 1. Email COVIDeducation@eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk there is no need to contact the school directly
- 2. Provide your child's details including the name of the school, their class and their date of birth. This will help make sure your child's details can be found quickly.
- 3. Explain when the symptoms first began
- 4. Give details on when the test was undertaken and when you received the positive result
- 5. Let us know when your child was last in school

These steps will allow us to work with Test & Protect to identify whether there are any close contacts who may require to self isolate as a precaution.

Positive Case where your child's symptoms developed on or after Sunday 4th April

If your child develops symptoms (or tests positive without any symptoms) on or after Sunday 4th April, there is no need for you to email the Education Department. Instead, you will be contacted by the Test & Protect team who will discuss the details with you and ask for the information they need. As your child will not have been in school for more than 48 hours before they developed symptoms, there won't be any need for any in school contacts to be identified.

It is important if your child tests positive during the holidays and has to self-isolate beyond the school return date of 19th April that you contact the school directly as you would for any other absence. If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact the school for further information.

Kind regards

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