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### Covid-19 School actions

#### Department for Education updates and guidance

Dear Parents/Carers

As a school we always want to keep you as up to date and as informed as possible. Particularly at such an uncertain and difficult time for the school and the community in which we serve.

Yesterday, the DFE released some information regarding the school's role in track and trace. As you know, it has been our responsibility to contact all parents/carers to inform them if their child needs to isolate due to contact with a positive case within the school and information about the length of the isolation period. Although the track and trace job is time consuming and at times arduous, the senior leaders and admin team know the importance and its vital nature to keep our community safe.

As we head in to our final week at school, the DFE have directed us to continue to track and trace up until Christmas Eve in case any pupils become symptomatic and result in a positive case. Despite hundreds of schools up and down the country requesting an early closure to ensure everyone could safely enjoy Christmas, this has not happened. Therefore, if your child is in school in the last week of term and they have symptoms within 48hrs of leaving school on the last day and subsequently tests positive for coronavirus, please contact us via the school website, under the 'home' tab, which can be also, be found by following this link:

<https://www.kingsnorth.kent.sch.uk/cv19case>

This is a dedicated online form to ensure that we are only dealing with positive cases of the virus and not receiving any other work related information over the break. This will be checked daily at approximately **10am between Friday 18<sup>th</sup>- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December.**

After this date, you will need to follow tracing instructions provided by NHS test and trace.

Due to the late notice of this communication from central government, we will not be making any changes to our published term dates and our last day will be **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm.**

We really hope you have an amazing Christmas and have an opportunity to relax and safely spend time with your families.

Yours sincerely,

School Leadership Team & Chair of Governors