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Last day of term – 17th December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As stated in my previous letter, the DfE issued a request to all schools to close on Thursday 17th December to assist Public Health teams with Covid contact tracing, for a 6-day window following the last teaching day. The Trust made the decision to comply with the request. The 18th December will now be a staff PD day.

We are asking you to get in touch with school in the following circumstances:

a) if your child develops symptoms of Covid19 within 48 hours of being in school, and

b) you receive a positive test result up to and including Wednesday 23rd December

If you do need to get in touch with school, please email me kate.mather@ludlowprimaryschool.co.uk. In all other situations over the holidays, you should get in touch directly with NHS Test and Trace.

The main symptoms of Covid19 are:

A high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature), **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual), **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal. If your child has any of these symptoms, get a test to check if they have coronavirus and stay at home until you get the result.

Thank you for all your support and understanding during the last few months, it is much appreciated by myself and all the staff at school.

On behalf of all the staff, I would like to wish you a happy and healthy Christmas break.

We will welcome pupils back to school on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

Very best wishes,

Kate Mather

Headteacher