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Dear Parent/Carer,

The DfE have once again confirmed that, for the first 5 days of the Easter holidays, schools are required to continue the role of contact tracing, allowing for positive COVID-19 cases to continue to be identified and confirmed by a test, and for relevant contacts in the education setting to be traced where necessary. This is akin to the arrangements we have had in place over previous school holidays.

If your child displays symptoms within 48 hours of school finishing on Thursday 1st April, is tested, and tests positive, you should inform the school, via e-mail (covid@endonhall.staffs.sch.uk), of the following:

- Child's name
- Date symptoms started
- Date of COVID test
- Date of the positive COVID test result

This is because the individual may have been infectious whilst in school. **Only if children have been symptomatic on Fri 2nd or Sat 3rd April will this affect anyone else in school.** If this is the case, communication will be sent to relevant parents/carers, advising close contacts to isolate for 10 days.

Where a child tests positive for COVID-19, having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, school should not be contacted. Parents/carers should instead follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

If your child is unable to return to school on Monday 19th April 2021, for COVID related reasons, you should inform the school, via the covid@endonhall.staffs.sch.uk e-mail, of the following:

- Child's name
- Reason why the child will be unable to return
- Date symptoms started (theirs or in the household)
- Date of COVID test (theirs or in the household)
- Date of the positive COVID test result (theirs or in the household)

These e-mails will not be picked up until Monday 19th April 2021 and are for information only - so that we can be clear on when the child is able to return, ensuring others are not put at any risk.

Please note that **the staff homework@ e-mail addresses are now unmonitored and are not to be used by parents/carers to contact staff.** These were set up for the purposes of supporting Remote Education only. The covid@endonhall.staffs.sch.uk e-mail address must only be used for the purposes outlined in this letter. It will be checked daily. Replies will only be sent to e-mails received if necessary.

I wish to thank you wholeheartedly for your continued support throughout this term, which has been a tale of two halves! Whether in or out of school we have worked together in ways we never have previously, and this has to be one positive to come out of what has continued to be a challenging period of time. I wish to publicly thank the staff team, who continue to go above and beyond to keep children learning.

I hope we can all safely enjoy the Easter break and work together once again going forward, including by continuing to follow Government guidelines, so that risks are measured and children can remain in school throughout the Summer Term.

Yours sincerely,

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