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COVID Update - Contact Tracing Update

28th May 2021

Dear parents and carers,

Contact Tracing Over Half Term

I am writing to you to make you aware that schools and further education providers are asked to remain contactable so they can assist with contact tracing where necessary. This will allow enough time for positive coronavirus (COVID-19) cases to be identified and confirmed by a PCR test and for relevant contacts in the education setting to be traced.

Schools have been asked to ensure staff, parents and carers are aware of the following information and relevant arrangements regarding positive cases in the holidays:

If a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.

We have set up a dedicated email address for parents and carers to contact if a child who attends Alameda tests positive after developing symptoms within 48 hours of the end of term. For most, this would mean developing symptoms up to 4pm on 3rd June 2021.

Parents/carers should email covid@alamedamiddle.org.uk giving details of when symptoms developed, when the child was tested and a contact number in case we need to contact you.

Please note this is a new email address and only this email address should be used to report to school all (PCR and LFD) positive cases during May half term.

This email will be monitored daily between 9am and 10am until 3rd June 2021. If any positive cases are reported, we will then inform all those we believe to be close contacts, which in most cases will be the class bubble. All close contacts will then need to self-isolate for 10 days from the day they last had contact with the infected person.

The guidance goes on to clarify:

Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, the school should not be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

In addition please continue performing lateral flow device testing twice weekly and reporting results to school via Test Register and to the NHS Tack & Trace.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

Miss M Warner
Headteacher