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10th December: Principals Update on FSM Vouchers for festive holidays, how to report a COVID case during the holidays, news on testing in school and case update.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Case Update

Late yesterday afternoon, we were informed of a single case in Year 7, as a result a small number of students in that year group are isolating until December 18th

How do I report a COVID case over the holidays?

As you may be aware, the government has asked school leaders to continue to Track and Trace for positive cases in the Xmas holidays, for six days after the last day of students being in school. After that point, contact tracing will be handled by NHS Track and Trace until the new term starts on January 4th. Below is a table setting out who you should contact on which date:

Date:	Who do I inform?
16/12/2020 – 22/12/2020 Inform School	Email: response@fairfield.excalibur.org.uk This will be checked each day between 9 am and 10am until 22nd December. Parents of any close contacts only will be informed by parent mail. Please do not phone in to school to report positive cases
23/12/2020 -03/01/2021 Use NHS Track and Trace	Service will be provided by NHS Track and Trace who will seek contacts directly from positive cases. Do not inform school until January 4th
04/01/2020 onwards Inform School	Normal service resumes in school and we can be informed via reception or our absence line.

COVID testing in school.

Starting in January, we will be seeking consent from parents and students in Year 8 and Year 10 to take part in the CoMMInS mass testing study. Further details will follow to parents in those year groups, but we are hoping to test as many students as possible by the end of January, with consent needed from both parents and students by January 19th. All staff will also have the opportunity to be tested.

Free School Meal Vouchers

Following the successful campaign by Marcus Rashford, MBE, and the recent Government announcement, Bristol City Council will be using its Winter COVID grant to supply supermarket vouchers to parents whose children are entitled to Free School Meals. We will be distributing the vouchers next week, to cover the two weeks over the holidays. Parents will get full details when they receive the email, we expect to send these from Wednesday onwards.

COVID Symptom Study App – please sign up

I have previously shared the COVID Symptom Study App for Schools. We are asking all parents to download this app as soon as possible. The app is available to download from the [Apple App Store](#) and [Google Play Store](#).

For more information including full instructions on how to join and use the COVID Symptom Study app please head to: <https://covid.joinzoe.com/schools>

Our Unique School Network Code is **A3DFTP**K To avoid outsiders joining, please do not share this code with anyone who is not a parent of our school.

Best wishes

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