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Dear Parent/Carer,

Self-isolating young people and impact on the festive break

I hope this message finds you and your family well.

Given the Deputy First Minister's announcement last week, I believe you should be made aware of the actions we need to take in the lead up to the end of term.

From Monday 14th December, any young person who is identified as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case will be required to self-isolate on Christmas day. In the event that you or your child is contacted by NHS Lothian to self-isolate, they will be asked to name who they were in close contact with and I would encourage your child to keep a note of their close contacts. As all our classrooms, office spaces and social areas have a designated 2m zone, it would be extremely unusual for a member of staff to be a close contact.

In order to prevent this, it is vitally important that all of our pupils redouble their efforts to follow the COVID-19 health and safety advice in school. As per advice from NHS Lothian, please do not send your child to school if they have any of the following symptoms:

- a high temperature
- a new continuous cough
- a loss or change to their sense of taste or smell

If your child has any of these symptoms you should keep them off school and arrange for a COVID-19 test. By operating with due diligence and a collective responsibility we should minimise the impact of this terrible virus over the festive period. In the meantime if you have any concerns please contact:-

S1 and S2	Ms Meikle
S3 and S4	Mr Ellis
S5 and S6	Ms Ramsay

I would appreciate your support with the reinforcement of this message at home.

Have a restful and enjoyable festive break when it comes – I wish you all peace and happiness from everyone at WHEC.

Yours sincerely,

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