Covid update for week beginning December 7 2020

In a week where the first Covid-19 vaccine was delivered, there is a real sense of optimism as we end the Autumn term and head off for our Christmas break. We are cautiously optimistic now that next term, Godolphin will be able to begin to open its doors and welcome back parents and visitors, but we must see what January brings. There are still a few hurdles to jump, including the three family, five-day Christmas break which may bring further restrictions in January but we will be in touch with any updates before the Spring Term begins. In the meantime, we wish all our families a very merry Christmas albeit with caution and a continuation of the hands-face-space rules which have kept us Covid-secure this term.

Government Guidance for Schools, Parents & Carers

We recommend all schools ensure staff, parents and carers are aware of the following information and relevant arrangements regarding positive cases in the holidays:

- Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), 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.
- For the first 6 days after teaching ends, 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.

Government Guidance for the Christmas period

From 23 December to 27 December, you may choose to form a Christmas bubble.
A Christmas bubble will be able to spend time together in private homes, including second homes and caravans, to attend places of worship, or meet in a public outdoor place.
If you do form a Christmas bubble , you should not meet socially with friends and family you do not live with in your home or garden unless they are part of your Christmas bubble.
In all other settings, people should follow local restrictions in the tier in which they are meeting.
If you do not form a Christmas bubble, you should continue to follow the guidance for the tier you are in.

Government Guidance for Celebrating New Year's Eve

You must follow the rules on where you can go and who you can meet, including on New Year's Eve. Your Christmas bubble will no longer apply. Hospitality venues are all required to close by 23:00 at the latest. Check the rules for your tier.