



## St Mary's Church of England Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers

### **Contact Tracing: Covid-19**

We have been asked, by the government, to make you aware of the following information in relation to the arrangements for contact tracing during the school holidays so that the spread of infection can continue to be managed.

The Department for Education guidance, December 2020, is as follows.

- 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.
- School staff are not asked to remain on-call or conduct any contact tracing more than 6 days after the final day of teaching.

When contacting the school, please use the following email: [erica.holt@stmaryscebl.info](mailto:erica.holt@stmaryscebl.info)

*For schools breaking up on Thursday:*

Dates	Parent / School Actions
<b>Between Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Parents inform school immediately of a pupil positive case.</li><li>• School will notify individuals within bubble who may have come into contact.</li><li>• Notified individuals will have to self-isolate 10 days after the day of contact.</li></ul>
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Parents inform school immediately of a pupil positive case.</li><li>• School will notify individuals within bubble who may have come into contact on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> or Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December.</li><li>• Notified individuals will have to self-isolate 10 days after the day of contact.</li></ul>
<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Parents inform school immediately of a pupil positive case.</li><li>• School will notify individuals within bubble who may have come into contact on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December.</li><li>• Notified individuals will have to self-isolate 10 days after the day of contact.</li></ul>
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Parents should not inform school unless the child developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school and testing / results were delayed.</li></ul>
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Parents should not inform school and should follow NHS Test and Trace guidelines: <a href="http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/">http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/</a></li></ul>

We sincerely hope that you will not have to use the above information and that you have a Covid free Christmas.

Yours sincerely

