

CORONAVIRUS AT CHRISTMAS – A QUICK GUIDE FOR PARENTS

We hope the Christmas break is a chance for everyone to spend time with family and loved ones, however we all need to continue to work together to beat Covid-19.

This guide reiterates what you should do if your child displays Covid-like symptoms and provides additional guidance on whether you need to inform school of this.

The Symptoms



This guidance applies to us all throughout the holiday period, so at the first sign of any of the Coronavirus symptoms, get a test by visiting <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or calling 119.

Stay at home whilst you wait for the results of the test

Returning a Positive Test Result

If your child receives a positive test result for Coronavirus, all household members should follow household isolation guidance available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection> and also work with NHS Test and Trace to help identify possible contacts.

Do I need to inform school?

Whilst the term might be over, we have an ongoing duty to help protect our school community. Should your child test positive at any point up to (and including) Christmas Eve, follow the simple guide on the next page to see if you need to let us know, and how to do this. If your child tests positive after Christmas Eve, you will need to follow Government stay at home guidance and work with NHS Test and Trace, but will not need to inform school.

What if my child will still be isolating when term starts in the New Year?

If your child either has tested positive, or is isolating as they are a contact of a positive case, and will not therefore be able to return on the first day of the new term, Tuesday 5 January 2021, you will be able to contact the school office directly from 8.30am on Monday 4 January 2021 to keep school updated directly.

DO I NEED TO CONTACT SCHOOL ABOUT MY CHILDS POSTIVE TEST RESULT?

Step 1

Work out the date and approximate time your child either:

- First displayed Covid symptoms
- or*
- Was tested (if they didn't display any symptoms)

Examples

(a) If your child was tested on Tuesday 22nd December at 3pm after developing a temperature on Monday evening at around 6pm, the date/time to use would be 6pm, Monday 21st December.

(b) If your child was tested on Sunday 20th December at 11am but had not shown any Covid symptoms, the date/time to use would be 11am, Sunday 20th December.

Step 2

Work out if your child had been in school in the 48 hours prior to the date and time you worked out in step 1.

Examples

In (a) above, 48 hours back from 6pm on Monday 21st December would be 6pm on Saturday 19th December. As the term ended on Friday, your child will not have been in school in the 48 hours prior to displaying symptoms.

In (b) above, 48 hours back from the time of the test would be 11am on Friday 18th December. If your child was in school on Friday, they would have been in school within the 48 hours of testing positive.

If your child **was in school** in the 48 hour period you've worked out above, you need to let us know by emailing:

head@halsnead.co.uk

Miss Taylor will then contact you to gain all the information we need to act swiftly to identify if anyone else needs to isolate from school.

If your child **was not in school** in the 48 hour period you've worked out above, you do not need to let us know, instead please help stop the spread of Coronavirus by working with NHS Test and Trace and following the Governments Stay at home guidance