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Dear Parent or Carer,

POSITIVE COVID-19 TEST REPORTING OVER THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD

I hope you are well. As mentioned in last week's newsletter, the Department for Education & Public Health England have asked schools and colleges to be contactable to track and trace over a 6-day period, after the final day of teaching. This means that if your child tests positive for COVID-19 between 19th & 24th December 2020, you should inform us, so that we can contact any possible close-contacts and advise them to self-isolate.

If your child tests positive for COVID-19, therefore, between 19th & 24th December, please use the following Microsoft Form to notify us:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=zrO6cvNvOEg7hbRs0eZqafUICH4OQfNOmL0FXhbpIMtUQUFXWEo5N0JRUTczQ0dMUjc5VVIVUk9TRS4u>

This COVID Reporting Form will be active from midnight on 18th December, and submitted forms will be checked each morning, before midday, up until 24th December. You will need to include:

- symptoms start date
- last date in school
- test result date
- the names of any students they may have been in close-contact with at break/lunchtime, up to 48 hours before the onset of symptoms
- the names of any students they may have been in close-contact with during travel to and from school, up to 48 hours before the onset of symptoms
- the names of any students they may have been in close-contact with during extracurricular or PE activities, up to 48 hours before the onset of symptoms, including outside of College



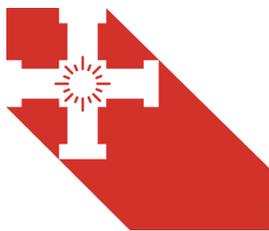
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If your child tests positive for COVID-19 after midday on Thursday 24th December, please follow the advice from the Government track and trace system directly.

For clarity, close-contact is defined as:

- being coughed on
- having a face-to-face conversation within 1 metre,
- any contact within 1 metre for 1 minute or longer, without face-to-face contact
- extended close contact (between 1 and 2 metres for more than 15 minutes)

What to do if you develop symptoms of COVID 19

If you develop symptoms of COVID-19, you should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when your symptoms appeared as advised in <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>.

You can arrange for testing via <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested>. All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 10 days. The 10-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill. Household members should not go to work, school, or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home. Household members staying at home for 10 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community.

If you are able, move any vulnerable individuals (such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions) out of your home, to stay with friends or family for the duration of the home isolation period.

Symptoms of COVID 19

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness. If you do develop symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/> or by phoning 111.



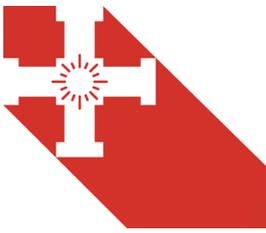
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How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19:

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

Further Information

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Finally, a reminder that College closes to all students at the slightly earlier time of 2.15pm on Friday 18th December and re-opens to all students on Tuesday 5th January at the normal time.

I wish you all a very peaceful Christmas and a happy New Year.

God Bless

Tim Beesley



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