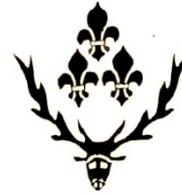


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'Valuing Everyone As Learners'

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RE: COVID Reporting over the Christmas Holiday Period

Dear Parents/Carers

We have been informed by the DfE that for the first 6 days after the term ends, if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours after school closes for the Christmas break, the school is to assist in identifying close contacts. In this case the DfE have instructed us to inform affected pupils and staff about their self-isolation obligations, as the individual who tested positive may have been infectious whilst in school. Mrs Bryant and myself will check emails daily during these first 6 days of the Christmas holidays, and be in touch with any families of children affected via groupcall. To help us in ensuring we are aware of any positive cases please follow the DfE guidance below.

The arrangements for pupils or staff who test positive over the holiday period:

- For pupils/staff who develop COVID-19 symptoms starting on Saturday 19th or Sunday 20th December and then subsequently receive a positive test result (up to and including 24th December) please inform school immediately by emailing us at admin@giffardsprimary.thurrock.sch.uk. We will contact all families of children/staff who to the best of our knowledge could have been in contact with the person who tested positive via groupcall text and email. The government advice around self-isolation (10 days since last contact with the person) will then need to be followed.
- For pupils/staff who are asymptomatic but who have received a positive test result due to having a test on the 19th or 20th of December we ask that they please inform school immediately. We will then follow the process described above.
- For pupils/staff who develop symptoms from Monday 21st December and receive a positive test result after the 21st December, close contacts will be identified by the NHS Contact Tracing Service, rather than by school. However, please email us as above to inform us of the result.
- Pupils/staff who need to continue their self-isolation into the new term should inform us of absence in the normal way.
- Under no circumstances should any pupil/staff member return to school if they are exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms. Please arrange a test and inform school.
- If a member of your household is symptomatic then the whole household needs to isolate for 10 days or until a **negative result has been received**.

FAQ – to clarify the above

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How recently does my child/a member of staff have to have been in contact with someone who tests positive and therefore need to self-isolate?

The current guidance says if someone tests positive for coronavirus, those who were in close contact with them within the 48 hours before the symptoms emerged are likely to need to be told to self-isolate.

My child/ a staff member has developed symptoms on Saturday 19th or Sunday 20th December, what do I do?

You need to book a test and if it is positive result, report it to the school by emailing admin@giffardsprimary.thurrock.sch.uk. We will need to contact those children/staff who have been in close contact to inform them they have to self-isolate for 14 days from the day they last had contact.

My child/ a staff member has developed symptoms on or after Monday 21st December

You need to book a test. As this is now 48hrs after your child was last at school we will not need to contact other parents/staff. If it is a positive result, you can use the 'normal' national track and trace system. We would appreciate you informing us by emailing us if it is positive result so we can log the period of self-isolation your child needs and whether this runs into the start of the new term.

Schools are not asked to remain on-call or conduct any contact tracing more than 6 days after the final day of teaching, however during this period, you may still email us, these will be monitored over the Christmas period, if not COVID related they may not be replied to until the New Year.

We wish you all a very safe and wonderful Christmas. Please do ensure that in the run up to the end of term, you follow all the correct guidance so that we can all have a well-deserved break and enjoy spending time with our families.

Yours sincerely

Mrs N Haslam-Davis
Headteacher