



St Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary School

Dear Parents/Carers,

ARRANGEMENTS FOR REPORTING POSITIVE TESTS DURING THE HOLIDAYS

Please see below arrangements for reporting any positive cases of coronavirus that may occur over the Christmas holiday period. These arrangements follow guidance published by DfE and the Local Authority.

If your child develops symptoms WITHIN 48 hours of their last day at school AND subsequently tests positive at any time after that, please email us via the school email stjosephw@knowsley.gov.uk so we can alert any close contacts within school, i.e. those who came into contact with a confirmed case up to 48 hours prior to the symptoms developing.

Any close contacts would be required by law to self-isolate for 10 days from the point of contact i.e. from Thursday 17th to Boxing Day or from Friday 18th to December 27th inclusive. We dearly hope to avoid such circumstances, but we also have a duty to prevent transmission within our community over the Christmas Period.

If your child develops symptoms AFTER 48 hours of school closing and tests positive, you do not need to contact school. In this situation, contact tracing will be picked up through the NHS Test and Trace service. Should you have any questions relating to this, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you, as ever, for your support.

Kind regards,

Mrs J Ryan (Headteacher)

What to do if ... ?	Action needed
Child or staff member has symptoms before 1.30pm on Sunday 20th December and then subsequently tests positive for COVID-19.	Email school as soon as possible, so that school can inform contacts.
Child or staff member has symptoms after 1.30pm on Sunday 20th December and then subsequently tests positive for COVID-19.	Parents/ carers/ staff should follow contact-tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.
Child or staff member is required to self-isolate due to contact with a positive case after Thursday 24th December	Do not inform school about absence until Monday 4th January 2021.
School will not be involved in contact-tracing from 1.30pm on Thursday 24th December until 8.00am on Monday 4th January 2021.	
If...	School will ...
School is notified that child or staff member has symptoms before 1.30pm on Sunday 20th December and then subsequently tests positive for COVID-19.	Inform contacts of that child or staff member up until, but not beyond Thursday 24th December.