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TITLE: What to do if your child tests positive during the Christmas holidays

Dear parents

I am sure you are looking forward to the Christmas break and spending time with the family.

Having that time to relax and recharge batteries will I'm sure be beneficial to all of us.

As we near the holidays I wanted to clarify what you should do if your child tests positive for COVID-19 during the break.

There is a quick turnaround for booking a test and getting the result so please don't hesitate to book one if you or your child has any of the COVID-19 symptoms. Test centres will be open throughout the Christmas and New Year period.

Parents and carers should continue to inform the school of confirmed cases if symptoms develop within 48 hours of last being in school. You should do this by emailing us at admin@st-josephs-malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk

If your child was not symptomatic but tested positive within 48 hours of last being in school you should also contact the school by email admin@st-josephs-malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk

If your child tests positive for COVID-19 having developed symptoms **more than 48 hours since last being in school you do not need to contact us at school.** Instead you will need to follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

The school email address will be regularly monitored for those six days up to 23rd December 2020

At the start of term in January you will need to inform your school if your child is positive, self-isolating or symptomatic and contact the school on Monday 4 January and make sure your child self-isolates for the required number of days.

Thank you for your co-operation and understanding.

May I wish you all a safe, peaceful and hopeful Christmas break and we look forward to seeing you all back at school on Monday 4th January 2021.

Stay safe, God bless and 'Merry Christmas!'

Mrs Sue Woods
Head Teacher

Attached:

- Close Contact poster
- What happens if your child contacts COVID over the Christmas holidays.

WHAT HAPPENS IF YOUR CHILD HAS COVID OVER THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

16 Dec 17 Dec 18 Dec

DAY	Last day of school	Last day of school	Last day of school
16 Dec	Last day of school 16 Dec	Last day of school 17 Dec	Last day of school 18 Dec
17 Dec			
18 Dec			
19 Dec			
20 Dec			
21 Dec	If your child tests positive for Covid AND had symptoms OR was tested during the dates shown by the green boxes above you must email the school. Select your child's last date at school to find the green box that applies to you		
22 Dec			
23 Dec			
24 Dec			
25 Dec	If your child gets symptoms and tests positive after these dates you do not need to tell the school		
26 Dec			
27 Dec			
28 Dec			
29 Dec	If a member of your household tests positive for COVID-19 the whole household must self-isolate		
30 Dec			
31 Dec			
01 Jan			
02 Jan			
03 Jan			
04 Jan			





At the start of term in January if you child is positive, self-isolating or showing Covid symptoms you must tell the school

People may be able to pass on COVID-19 without any symptoms

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Don't give COVID-19 for Christmas – **keep playing your part**

-  Please stay within your Christmas bubble
 -  Catch up with your friends online or on your phone – **please don't be tempted to meet in person**
 -  Remember to keep socially distancing, wash hands regularly, wear masks where required
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**Hopefully next year we can
all have a merrier Christmas!**

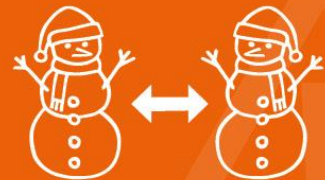
**HIGH
ALERT
TIER**



Wash hands
regularly



Wear face
coverings



Make space

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Has your child tested positive for COVID-19?



If **YES** you need to inform the school as soon as possible

The school will need the following information to carry out a risk assessment of who may be a close contact:



Date of onset of COVID-19 symptoms
(including what symptoms they had)



Date of the test



Date of the result
(and evidence of the result/ID number)



Date your child was last in school



How do they get to school?
E.g. walk, cycle, car, public transport, school transport, taxi



If by car – do you car share with anyone else?



If walking – do they walk in with anyone else?



If public transport/school transport
– do they know who they sat near?

Please provide any additional information you may have as to pupils or staff your child may have been in contact with during this period.

Please note: The infectious period is 48 hours prior to the onset of symptoms (or date of the test if tested when asymptomatic).

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