

Thursday 17th December 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

Christmas Covid Communication

As we draw closer to the end of term I wanted to ensure you are all aware of the protocol should your child test positive for Coronavirus over the Christmas period.

If your child develops symptoms any time **before 2pm on Sunday 20th December** (48 hours after last attending school) and they test positive for Coronavirus, you must report this to me at

Victoria.Scranage@macintyreacademies.org so that I can identify any close contacts as soon as possible.

It would be most helpful if you could include the following details in the email:

- Full name of your child and their class name
- The date and time they first developed symptoms, if asymptomatic please state
- The date and time that the test was taken and the date and time that the result was received.

I will use this information to determine who will need to self-isolate due to being a close contact as per below:

- The period that needs to be considered for close contacts is the 48 hours prior to symptoms starting, or 48 hours prior to a positive test if a learner is asymptomatic
- A close contact would be anyone who has been within 2m for more than 15 minutes or anyone who has been within 1m (face to face) for more than one minute.

I will call the parents/carers of all close contacts with instructions for their child to self-isolate. We ask that parents/carers monitor the telephone of which you have given school the number of in the eventuality that I do contact you.

I will check my email each day and we will complete a final check at 5.00pm on Christmas Eve.

Where a child tests positive for Coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school (**after** 2pm on Sunday 20th December), parents/carers should follow contact-tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace. You do not need to contact the school for these cases.

We welcome our learners back on Tuesday 5th January, if they are having to self-isolate due to being a close contact or have tested positive for Coronavirus then please report these absences in the usual way. As you will know from the recent Government announcements the self-isolation period has been reduced from 14 days to 10. This is in the event that you are contacted as a close contact or test positive for Coronavirus.

The most effective way to protect yourself and others from Coronavirus is to maintain a safe distance from others, wear a face mask when necessary and wash your hands regularly.

Have a fabulous Christmas and we look forward to welcoming your child back in the New Year.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

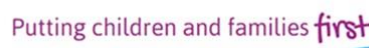


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