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## Advice to All Parents regarding positive cases of Covid-19 during the Christmas Holiday

Dear Parent/carers

We have been advised by the Department for Education to make you aware of the arrangements regarding the reporting of positive cases of Covid-19 during the Christmas holidays.

If your child tests positive for coronavirus [Covid-19] on **Friday 18 or Saturday 19 December**, you must email the school via [Info@southchurchschool.com](mailto:Info@southchurchschool.com) as soon as possible.

If your child tests positive for coronavirus [Covid-19], having developed symptoms **more than 48 hours** after being in school, i.e. from **Sunday 20 December onwards**, you should **not** contact the school. Instead, you should follow the contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

[NHS Test and Trace: how it works - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

We are working with NHS Test and Trace for the first six days of the Christmas holidays, so if we are notified of a positive case of Covid-19, we will be asked to identify close contacts.

If your child has been in close contact with a positive case, you may receive a text asking you to ensure that they self-isolate.

If your child tests positive or is required to self-isolate at any time **after** Christmas Day, please email the school to inform us via [Info@southchurchschool.com](mailto:Info@southchurchschool.com) and we will note your child's absence for the start of term, which is Monday 04 January 2021.

On behalf of myself and all the staff, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Please take care and stay safe.

Yours faithfully

Stuart Reynolds  
Headteacher