

Dear Parent/Carers,

**School will be closed to pupils from 3.15 pm on Thursday 17th December until Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January for the Christmas holidays.**

We will still be monitoring COVID-19 throughout this period and ask you to contact school if your child or any member of the household tests positive.

**How to report:**

Please email school on: [covid@priory.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:covid@priory.dudley.sch.uk) stating your child's name, class, and the reason of the email. When telling the school about positive test results please provide the following information:

- The date symptoms started (or if there were no symptoms)
- The date the test was taken (not the date you received the result)
- The date your child's self-isolation ends

**Contacts of positive cases up to Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

- The school will identify any pupils who are contacts of a positive case.
- The school will notify you that your child is a contact and your child must self-isolate (stay at home) for 10 days from the day they last had contact with the positive case. The school will confirm the date isolation ends with you.
- Other household members don't need to self-isolate, unless your child goes on to develop symptoms of COVID-19.

**Contacts of positive from Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

- You still need to notify the school if your child or anyone in your household tests positive

We know that self-isolating can be difficult and may feel especially difficult for children and families during the holidays. However, this is a really important part of helping to stop the spread of COVID-19 and protecting your loved ones.

Help is available to those who are self-isolating, may be feeling lonely or isolated, are unable to leave their home, or struggling financially due to the pandemic. **People can call 0300 3302 152 from Monday to Friday between 9.30am and 12.30pm.**

We hope you all keep safe in the holidays and manage to enjoy the festive period!

**Symptoms of COVID-19:**

- A high temperature
- A new, continuous cough

- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

The test needs to be done in the first 8 days of having symptoms. You can call 119 or go on the government website.

**Close contact definition:**

- Close face to face contact (under 1 metre) for any length of time – including talking to them or coughing on them
- Being within 1 to 2 metres of each other for more than 15 minutes – including travelling in a small vehicle
- Spending lots of time in your home, such as cleaning it

**Quarantine list of countries:**

This is subject to change

- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-travel-corridors>

Many Thanks

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