

Thursday 17th December 2020

Information for Parents regarding COVID-19 Contact Tracing over the Christmas Holiday period 17th December - 4th June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we go into the period of school Christmas closure, I am writing to tell you what you need to do about reporting cases of COVID-19 and contact tracing over the Christmas holiday period.

As you know schools have played an important role in contact tracing. We have been identifying anyone who has been in close contact at school with someone who has tested positive for COVID19, up to 2 days before that person had symptoms. Those contacts then need to self-isolate for 10 days because they are at risk of having caught COVID-19 and being contagious themselves.

Contact tracing will be slightly different during the Christmas break when schools are closed and there is less chance of being a contact of someone in school.

Please follow the guidance below if your child begins to show symptoms or tests positive for COVID-19 during the Christmas break. These arrangements start on Friday 18th December and continue until Thursday 24th December.

<p>If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19 <u>within 48 hours</u> of their last day in school.</p> <p><i>This will not apply to any of our students since they have all now been out of school contacts for longer than 48 hours</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get a test for your child • Everyone in your household must isolate at home until the test result is back. • If the test result is positive for COVID19, you must inform the school -school will identify any other people in the school community who are close contacts. • If the test result is negative, you do not need to take any further action.
<p>If your child has no symptoms of COVID-19 but tests positive within 48 hours of being in school</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Let the school know straight away- school will identify any other people in the school community who are close contacts.

<p>This will not apply to any of our students since they have all now been out of school contacts for longer than 48 hours</p>	<p>(It is important to follow the guidance around only getting a test if they are showing signs of COVID-19.)</p>
<p>If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19 <u>more than 48 hours</u> after their last day in school-or 17th December onwards</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get a test for your child • Everyone in your household must isolate at home until the test result is back. • If the test result is positive for COVID-19, you must contact NHS Test and Trace and follow the advice given by them: www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/ • Please tell the school when you get your result
<p>The quickest way to get a test is to book a test at your local testing centre via https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test. Please do not use postal tests unless absolutely necessary as these take longer.</p>	

We have just received this information about access to asymptomatic testing. There is an increase in cases which are positive but without symptoms.

Important Information - COVID-19 Asymptomatic Testing

We have been advised by the Department of Health that testing sites will accept asymptomatic individuals who wish to get tested including school staff identified as close contacts.

Booking through the portal is essential: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

You should go through the questions, stating that they don't have symptoms and select ' council...has asked me to get a test' to answer 'Why are you asking for a test?'

Contact with school to report any COVID situation during the Christmas closure

During the holidays, please contact the school by:

Ringling the school telephone number and selecting the Covid 19 Out of Hours Line and leaving a clear voice message with the information below.

Or

Emailing the COVID 19 email address on covid19@conisboroughcollege.co.uk with information below

We will be checking the message at 9.00am, 1.00pm and 5.00pm from 18th – 24th December and also during the period between Christmas and the New Year.

Your school, Your time, Your future

You must provide the following please:

- **Child's name**
- **Class/year group**
- **Date last in school**
- **Date symptoms started/child began to feel unwell**
- **Date of test**
- **Date positive result received**

Please include your contact telephone number we can respond to you on and that will be answered please.

If you are contacted by the school because your child is identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, they must self-isolate for 10 days.

We have included the updates on all the periods of self-isolation currently in place for all year groups in the school

The table below sets out the self-isolation end dates for the year groups.

Year	Information
7	7T: Self-isolation until and including 22 nd December 7R: Self-isolation until and including 24 th December 7F: Self-isolation until and including 24 th December
8	8C: Self-isolation until and including 22 nd December 8A: Self-isolation until and including 22 nd December 8F: Self-isolation until and including 24 th December 8R: Self-isolation until and including 24 th December 8O: Self-isolation until and including 19 th December 8T: Self-isolation until and including 21 st December
9	Year 9 are no longer self-isolating unless they have had close contact letter indicating that they should continue to the set date.

10	10C: Self-isolation until and including 23rd December 10F: Self-isolation until and including 23rd December 10R: Self-isolation until and including 21 st December 10O: Self-isolation until and including 21 st December 10A: Self-isolation until and including 21 st December 10T: Self-isolation until and including 21 st December
11	Year 11 are no longer self-isolating unless they have had close contact letter indicating that they should continue to the set date.

It is important that all students self-isolating remain at home for their full self-isolation period. Parents have been informed individually of their child's period of isolation.

Starting school on 5th January 2021

You should contact the school if your child will be absent on the first day of the new term by Ringing the Absence Line (extension 300) as usual and let us know if they are self-isolating.

It is really important that your child gets a test and does NOT return to school in January if they have any of the three main COVID symptoms:

- Fever
- New continuous cough
- Loss or change to smell or taste

To be extra safe, if your child has any of the following symptoms, please keep them at home and contact the school on the first day of term:

- Loss of appetite
- Diarrhoea
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Extreme tiredness
- Headaches
- Joint pain
- Muscle ache
- Runny nose
- Sore throat
- Sneezing

Your child should NOT get a test if they have these symptoms WITHOUT one of the three main COVID symptoms

We are also aware that there are further symptoms other than the top 3. Please do take notice of headaches and diarrhoea and track these. Please count these symptoms even if there is no temperature, cough or loss of smell and taste.

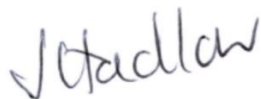
When we get to January 5th, please do not send you child back to school if they have a diagnosis, are showing any symptoms or are they unwell in anyway. Please contact us and we can talk through your situation and the types symptoms your child is showing.

We have today seen all our students in a series of 5 assemblies. It has been a pleasure to be able to acknowledge the challenges which they have had and the way in which all our young people have dealt with the uncertainties and the challenges of the Autumn Term. Please do refer to the information we have put out to you all in the letters recently, as the advice about the virus remains, as well as everything we have provided here. We ask that you do reinforce this still so that we can see everyone back together again in January.

I would like to thank all the staff and families for the support you have given your children and the school in this uncertain time. It makes such a difference as we can give strength and support to each other. No one has all the answers at the moment, but we are doing everything we can to make and keep school safe for everyone.

Thank you for your ongoing support and we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please stay safe, healthy and well and we look forward to the Spring Term which starts on Tuesday 5th January 2021

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J Hadlow". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Mrs J Hadlow
Head teacher