

17th December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

REPORTING COVID CASES TO SCHOOL DURING THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

As we are almost at the end of term, I am writing to let you know about the arrangements for reporting any positive COVID cases to us until and including Thursday 24th December.

If your child develops Covid-19 symptoms during the Christmas holidays then please have them tested as soon as possible. As you may be aware, schools have a responsibility during the first part of the holiday to let families know if there have been any positive cases which might mean that their child needs to self-isolate.

I must stress how important it is that you let us know if your child tests positive for Covid 19 and the symptoms started before midnight on Sunday 20th December. Please let us know immediately by emailing the school at admin@standrewsce.lambeth.sch.uk

In the event that we are notified of a positive case and symptoms started within 48 hours of the child being at school, we will notify the parents/carers of all children within the relevant bubble so that people can isolate in line with Government guidance. We will also inform our staff if they need to isolate.

Therefore, all families should check their text messages throughout this period. If you have experienced any problems receiving text messages from school, or have recently changed your mobile number, please let the school office know immediately.

If your child tests positive for Covid-19 with symptoms which started after Sunday 20th December, you are still required to notify us of this so that we can report it to the DFE, although we will not need to carry out the track and trace process at that point. This email account will be monitored up to and including Thursday 24th December as per Government guidance.

If your child is in isolation on 5th January because they or someone in their household has symptoms or a confirmed case, then do not send them to school. Please inform us of their absence using the email address above or by calling the school office on 0207 274 7012.

In summary, please follow the guide below:

If your child develops COVID symptoms between Thursday 17th December and midnight Sunday 20th December.
Arrange for your child to be tested.
Email the school at admin@standrewsce.lambeth.sch.uk to inform us.

When you get the result, whether it is positive or negative, please email the school at admin@standrewsce.lambeth.sch.uk

If the test result is positive the school will let other families know how long their child should self-isolate.

Yours sincerely,
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