

COVID-19 - What do I need to do when my child's school building is closed for Christmas?

We hope that everyone stays well over the Christmas holidays, but ... if you have symptoms of COVID-19 and you get a positive test result, everyone you have been in close contact with (in the last 48 hours) has to self-isolate.

School has an important part to play in notifying our school community when they have been in close contact with someone who has the virus.

Although students will be working remotely after Thursday 17th December*, school leaders can be contacted until the end of Thursday 24th, and they will inform members of the school community who have been affected by a positive case.

*Apart from those students who are coming in to school to sit assessments on Friday 18th Dec

Please use this information if you are affected by COVID-19 whilst the school building is closed for Christmas.

How to Book a Test for COVID-19

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

Phone 119 if you have problems using the online service.

Test results are usually received within a couple of day.

Over the Christmas holidays, it may take longer to get your child's result. This is why we will need to know *when symptoms first showed*, so that we can work out who has been in close contact.

How to Notify School of a Positive Covid Test

0114 2302536

You will either be able to speak to someone on reception or once reception is closed, you will be able to leave a voicemail by selecting option 1 from the options when you call. This voicemail will be monitored by senior staff.

Stay Safe Sheff
Coronavirus (COVID-19)
Recognising Symptoms

| Symptom | Coronavirus <small>Symptoms range from mild to severe</small> | Cold <small>Gradual onset of symptoms</small> | Flu <small>Rapid onset of symptoms</small> |
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|  Fever <small>(37.8C or above)</small> | Common | Rare | Common |
|  Coughing | Common <small>(usually dry)</small> | Mild | Common <small>(usually dry)</small> |
|  Change in sense of taste/smell | Common | Sometimes | Sometimes |
|  Sneezing | No | Common | No |
|  Aches and pains | Sometimes | Common | Common |
|  Runny or stuffy nose | Rare | Common | Sometimes |
|  Sore throat | Sometimes | Common | Sometimes |
|  Diarrhea | Rare | No | Sometimes <small>(for children)</small> |
|  Headaches | Sometimes | Rare | Common |
|  Shortness of breath | Sometimes | No | No |
|  Tiredness | Sometimes | Sometimes | Common |


Source: World Health Organisation, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
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| Date | ACTION TO TAKE | |
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| | SYMPTOMS My child has developed one or more symptoms of COVID-19 OR a member of my household has developed symptoms | POSITIVE TEST My child had had a positive test for COVID-19 |
| Friday 18 th to Thursday 24 th December | <p>Book a test for the person who has symptoms.</p> <p>Everyone in your household must stay at home, except to get a test for the person who has symptoms. You must all stay at home until you have the test result.</p> | <p>Inform school by phoning the number above. If you are leaving a voice mail, make clear the name of your child and the date when they got symptoms.</p> <p>If your child developed symptoms before Sunday 20th Dec, then a member of staff from school will contact you to gather information which will help us to identify and notify anyone who was a contact of your child in school.</p> <p>If your child developed symptoms on or after Sunday 20th December, they will not have had any in school contacts in the previous 48 hours and so school staff will not need to contact you to help identify contacts. You should follow the advice given by NHS Track and Trace.</p> <p>Everyone in your household must stay at home and self-isolate, for 10 days after the day when the symptoms first showed – nobody can visit your household whilst you are self-isolating.</p> |
| Friday 25 th December to Tuesday 5 th January | <p>Book a test for the person who has symptoms.</p> <p>Everyone in your household must stay at home, except to get a test for the person who has symptoms. You must all stay at home until you have the test result.</p> | <p>Inform school by phoning the number on the previous page, so that we can update records.</p> <p>Follow the advice given to you by NHS Track and Trace.</p> <p>Everyone in your household must stay at home and self-isolate, for 10 days after the day when the symptoms first showed – nobody can visit your household whilst you are self-isolating.</p> |