

# St. Margaret's C.E. Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have received guidance from the DfE about managing COVID-19 cases during the forthcoming Christmas holidays. If a pupil develops symptoms or tests positive within 48 hours of being in school, we are responsible for advising close contacts that they have a legal duty to self-isolate.

**Please let school know by email on [office@st-margarets.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-margarets.staffs.sch.uk):**

-  If your child tests positive and displays symptoms before school finishes on 18<sup>th</sup> December
-  If your child tests positive and/or displays symptoms on Sat 19<sup>th</sup> or Sun 20<sup>th</sup> December

We will monitor this email account until noon on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December and we will notify relevant close contacts (the class bubble) by email or text message should a case arise.

**If your child tests positive due to symptoms developing from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December onwards, please provide NHS Test and Trace with relevant contact tracing information.**

In the meantime, if your child displays the three main symptoms of a persistent cough, high temperature or loss of taste/smell, please book a test and ensure they isolate until the results.

The following symptoms may also be an indication of Coronavirus. Staffordshire County Council encourage people to get a test in these circumstances:

Headache	Aches & pains	Feeling unusually tired	Sore throat
Runny nose	Persistent sneezing	'Tummy ache' in children	

I sincerely hope that we do not have to contact families during the Christmas break but this virus continues to be unpredictable.

Thank you for your continued support throughout a difficult term.

Yours sincerely,

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Mr D Hugill

Headteacher