



Spalding High School

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Headmistress Mrs M Anderson B.Ed

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Dear parents, carers and students,

Spalding High School - Notification of Positive Student Cases over the Easter Holiday

I am writing to you as schools have been asked by the government to continue to track and trace positive cases over the Easter holiday. We are hoping that you will all be well and safe during the holiday period and will be sorry if anyone becomes unwell with Covid. I hope that you will not need the following information but please keep it safe just in case.

If you suspect your child has symptoms of Covid-19 please organise a PCR test at your local test centre. **You do not need to inform the School unless the test result is positive.**

If your child has a positive test result between **Thursday 1st April – Tuesday 6th April:**

1. Parents/Carers need to continue to notify the School if their child tests positive for Covid-19 over the Easter holiday.
2. Parents should email enquiries@spaldinghigh.lincs.sch.uk with the following information:
 - Their child's name.
 - Their date of birth.
 - The date they first started to show symptoms.
 - The date they received their positive notification.
 - Details of any school based close contacts.
3. The Government definitions of close contacts are:
 - *anyone who lives in the same household as someone with coronavirus (COVID19) symptoms or who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19)*
 - *anyone who has had any of the following types of contact with someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) with a PCR or LFD test:*
 - *face-to-face contact including being coughed on or having a face-to-face conversation within one metre*
 - *been within one metre for one minute or longer without face-to-face contact*
 - *been within 2 metres of someone for more than 15 minutes (either as a one-off contact, or added up together over one day)*
 - *travelled in the same vehicle or a plane*
4. Close contacts will be those school based friends and staff your child has had close contact with in the 48hours prior to starting to display symptoms or, if asymptomatic, receiving the positive result. It might be that as the first few days of the holiday pass, your child will have had fewer (or no) school-based contacts. School only needs to be informed of school-based contacts.
5. If possible, students or their parents/carers should try to notify the school-based contacts of the positive result. Contacts outside of school should also be notified or the national Test and Trace systems used.
6. School will monitor the enquiries email between 1st to 6th April and will make direct contact with parents/carers to see how the student is doing and to confirm their school based contacts. We will then also alert the school based contacts and notify them that they need to self-isolate for 10 days as a result of the positive case. Close contacts will be notified by an In Touch message.
7. School will continue to notify the Health Protection Team of positive results between 1st to 6th April.
8. Please ensure that you continue to follow the Government Stay At Home guidance.

If a household member tests positive for Covid-19 during the Easter holiday, resulting in our student needing to self-isolate:

We are sorry to hear this. You only need to inform us that your child will be self-isolating if it means that they are unable to attend school with effect from Monday 19th April. Please can parents/carers email enquiries@spaldinghigh.lincs.sch.uk with the following information:

- Their child's name.
- The date they started their self-isolation.

We will acknowledge receipt of the email and confirm the date your child can return to school. On Monday 19th April, we will also be in touch to make sure that your child has everything they need to learn remotely from home for the duration of the household isolation.

Please ensure that if your child starts to show any symptoms, you organise a PCR test and that they continue to follow the Government Stay At Home guidance.

If your child is identified as a close contact by someone outside of School, e.g. Test and Trace:

Please follow the same instructions as above for household isolation.

If your child is identified as a close contact by School:

- You will receive an In Touch message from the School informing you that your child has been a close contact of a positive school based case and that they need to self-isolate for ten days from their last contact with the person who has tested positive.

If the self-isolation period extends into Term 5, we will be in touch on Monday 19th April, to confirm the date your child can return to school and to organise work for your child to do from home.

Please ensure that if your child starts to show any symptoms, you organise a test and that they continue to follow the Government Stay At Home guidance.

If your child tests positive between 7th April and 15th April:

We are sorry to hear this. Please email the School on enquiries@spaldinghigh.lincs.sch.uk with the following information:

- Their child's name
- The date of the positive result

We will acknowledge receipt of this email but parents/carers must report the positive result to NHS Test and Trace and follow the Stay at Home guidance.

If the self-isolation period extends to Monday 19th April or beyond, we will be in touch on Monday 19th April.

The Government "Close Contact" advice can be found here:

[Guidance for contacts of people with confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection who do not live with the person - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/guidance-for-contacts-of-people-with-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection-who-do-not-live-with-the-person)

The Government "Stay at Home" advice (for confirmed or suspected cases) can be found here:

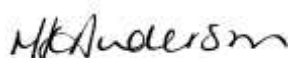
[Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection)

Home LFD Tests

Students should continue to do their LFD test at home every **Wednesday** and **Sunday** during the Easter Holiday. They should continue to submit their results to the Year Group SHS Teams Assignment and NHS as detailed in the Home Test Information Booklet.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely



M K Anderson
Headmistress