

Spalding High School - Notification of Positive Student Cases over the Christmas Holidays.

We are hoping that we will all be well and safe during the Christmas period and will be sorry if anyone becomes unwell with Covid. We are going to give students an updated Health and Safety presentation on how to minimise the risk of transmission. 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 test. You do not need to inform School unless the test result is positive.

If your child has a positive test result between Friday 18th December and Wednesday 23rd December:

1. Parents/Carers need to continue to notify the School if their child tests positive for Covid-19 over the Christmas holidays.
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 school based close contacts.
3. Please see Q10 on the SHS Covid FAQ sheet we have previously sent home which is also available on the School website, for definitions of who counts as close contacts.
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 during the period between 18th-23rd December 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 14 days as you have tested positive. Close contacts will be notified by an In Touch message.
7. School will continue to notify the Public Health Protection Team of positive results over the duration of the entire Christmas holiday.
8. Please ensure that you continue to follow the Government Stay At Home guidance.

If your child has a positive test result between Thursday 24th December and Sunday 3rd January:

1. Parents/Carers need to continue to notify the School if their child tests positive for Covid-19 over the Christmas holidays.
2. Parents/carers 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.

3. Between these dates, parents/carers do not need to inform the School of school based close contacts. Parents/carers should engage with national Test and Trace systems and notify all contacts themselves.
4. Please see Q10 on the SHS Covid FAQ sheet we have previously sent home which is also available on the School website, for definitions of who counts as close contacts.
5. School will continue to monitor the enquiries email during the period between 19th December and 3rd January but will not necessarily make contact with parents/carers other than to acknowledge that the message has been received.
6. School will continue to notify the Public Health Protection Team of positive results over the duration of the entire Christmas holiday.
7. Please ensure that you continue to follow the Government Stay At Home guidance.

If a household member tests positive for Covid-19 during the Christmas 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 4th January. 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 4th January, we will also be in touch 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 is identified as a close contact by someone outside of School, e.g. Test and Trace:

Please follow the same instructions as above household isolation.

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

You will receive an In Touch message from 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 14 days from their last contact with the person who has tested positive.

If the self-isolation period extends into Term 3, we will be in touch on Monday 4th January, 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.