



St Peter's Church of England Aided School

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COVID UPDATE – 18/12/20

Over the Christmas holiday staff will be monitoring the covid@spexe.org email address. As per the government guidance this will be monitored inclusively from the 18th December through to and including the 24th December.

If you do receive a positive test result then the sooner you share this information with us using the covid@spexe.org email address, the easier it will be to keep our community safe.

Where a pupil or member of staff tests positive for covid-19, having developed symptoms **more than 48 hours** since being in school, parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/nhs-test-and-trace-if-youre-contacted-after-testing-positive-for-coronavirus/>

How to keep the virus at bay this Christmas – BBC News

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/explainers-55017034>

Your responsibilities as a parent/carer

By taking on these responsibilities you are helping the school to stay open and to stay as safe as possible by not spreading infection to students or staff.

- If your child has symptoms of covid-19, do not send them into school
- If your child has been isolating, do not send them to school before the isolation period ends
- If your child has had a negative test result they should still self-isolate until this time ends
- If your child uses public transport, please ensure they wear a face covering
- Face coverings should be worn by adults and children aged 11 and above when moving around the premises, outside of classrooms or activity rooms, such as in corridors and communal areas where social distancing cannot easily be maintained. This will include movement between lessons, to and from use of toilets and movement to and from break and lunchtime.

What are the symptoms of Covid-19?

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

Self-Isolation Period Reduces from 14 days to 10 days

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-chief-medical-officers-statement-on-the-self-isolation-period-11-december-2020>

Christmas Holidays and Travel Abroad

Devon County Council has strongly advised that all students and staff follow the latest government guidance in order to keep themselves and their communities safe. As would usually be the case staff will need to be available to work in school during term time. More information can be found in the schools guidance here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-travel-corridors>