



HOLY SOULS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

COVID 19

Arrangements for Managing a Confirmed Case

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What should I do if my child's receives positive test result?

It is essential you contact school if your child receives a positive test. During school hours please contact school on 0121 272 1776 (Monday to Friday) and send an email (especially if it is the weekend) to covid@holysoul.bham.sch.uk

What will school ask for?

School will ask you to forward your NHS COVID-19 Notification, you normally receive this via text and/or email. We require this confirmation in order to 'trigger' our response arrangements. Once confirmed, we will delete the text or email.

Where a pupil has tested positive, school may be contacted by a 'contact tracer'. This may be a while after you receive notification.

When you notify school, we will need to establish the time line and what contact has taken place.

We will ask you:

- When did your child first develop symptoms? - If they did not have symptoms, when were they tested?
- Did your child have contact with any other child, or member of staff, from Holy Souls Catholic Primary School 48 hours prior to developing symptoms or, if they had no symptoms, from when they had their test?
- Did they have contact with any other child, or member of staff, from Holy Souls Catholic Primary School when symptomatic — 10 days from when symptoms started.

Please note similar arrangements are in place where a member of staff tests positive.

What will school do next?

School leaders will identify all children and members of staff who are direct or close contacts. All direct and close contacts will be excluded from school and advised to self-isolate for 10 days starting from the day they were last in contact with the case. For example, if the case tests positive on Thursday and was last in school on the previous Monday the first day of the 10 day period is on the Monday.

Household members of contacts do not need to self-isolate unless the contact develops symptoms. Siblings should continue to attend school.

Who is considered a contact in a school setting?

A contact is defined as a person who has had contact (see below) at any time from 48 hours before onset of symptoms (or test if asymptomatic) to 10 days after onset of symptoms (or test):

A person who has had face-to-face contact (within one metre) with someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), including: - being coughed on, or - having a face-to-face conversation, or - having skin-to-skin physical contact, or - any contact within one metre for one minute or longer without face-to-face contact

A person who has been within 2 metres of someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) for more than 15 minutes

A person who has travelled in a small vehicle with someone who has tested positive

A person who has travelled in a small vehicle with someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or in a large vehicle near someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) People who spend significant time in the same household as a person who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19)

How will school inform us that our child is a contact and has to isolate?

We will email a letter via Parentmail, the letter will include the date when isolation ends and the child can return to school, if well. We will also send a text requesting you check your emails. The letter will contain a link to an online form. Please complete as soon as possible, it asks that you acknowledge you have received the letter and you understand the contents of the letter. We will never release case details.

Will school tell the rest of the school community?

Yes, we will email a letter via Parentmail explaining that we have a confirmed case within Holy Souls Catholic Primary School. This is for information purposes only, if your child is not a contact you do not need to take any further action. We will never release case details.

Can the siblings of a child who has been excluded because they are a contact of a case attend school?

Yes, other household members of the contact do not need to self-isolate. If the contact, or anyone within the household, develop symptoms all household members must isolate.

My child is a direct or a close contact and has been told to self-isolate. Can they leave home?

No, they must stay at home. They are not, for example, allowed to travel to school in a car to drop off siblings. They are allowed to exercise in their garden, if you have one. They do not have to isolate in one room and they can have normal contact with other household members.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-selfisolate-and-what-to-do/>

We know it may be challenging to get siblings to school where another child is self-isolating. Please contact Mrs Reynolds who will talk through your circumstances and what we can do to support you.

If my child, who is a contact of a confirmed case, tests negative, can they return to school? No, the child should complete 10 days of isolation.

What happens if someone in my household (not my child) tests positive or is symptomatic? All household members (and support bubble) should complete 10 days of isolation. School will take no further action. The bubble/close contacts of the child are not required to isolate or to be excluded from school UNLESS the child tests positive and they had attended the school in the 48 hours prior to developing symptoms. In this event, close contacts will be identified and advised regarding self-isolation.

Arrangements for Home Learning

1. If a child, or group of children, are isolating we will make arrangements for children to continue with their education from home. We have published our Remote Learning Policy and Rationale on the school website.