



Contacting school over Christmas to report a positive case of Covid 19.

The Government has also issued guidance on reporting a Covid case in the six days leading up to Christmas. I have been asked by the DfE to share this advice to all parents:

- Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, the school should not be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.
- For the first 6 days after teaching ends, if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.
- Advice from the Local Authority is to encourage parents to get drive in tests as much as possible, if they are in any doubt.

To that effect we would ask that should you need to contact school to report a positive case up to and including Wednesday 23 December that you do so through the following channels by emailing covid@pittville.gloucs.sch.uk or by phoning 07593 443243 or 07394 567630 between the hours of 10 am and 1 pm. From Thursday 24th onwards you should follow the Government test and trace guidance. Please see attached link: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-test-and-trace-how-it-works>