



Catshill Federation Christmas Covid Protocols

Dear Parents/Carers

It is vital that you follow the steps below to keep us informed if your child has Covid symptoms during the Christmas holidays as ***it may mean we have to contact other class/bubble members as they will have to self-isolate.***

Friday 18th December, Saturday 19th December and Sunday 20th December

Parents of any child showing **any** covid symptoms on these days **MUST**

- arrange for **immediate** testing: <https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/condition> or call 119
- **Inform us immediately** using the email address covid@catshillfirst.worcs.sch.uk and then again when you get the result of the test with the following information:

Pupil Name

Class

Contact Phone Number

The email inbox will be monitored by staff up to 4pm each day Saturday 19th - Thursday 24th.

We will then be able to inform parents/carers of any child(ren) who need to self-isolate due to having been in contact with the positive case along with informing the local response team.

From Monday 21st December onwards

Parents of any child starting to show any covid symptoms on these days or have a positive test result **do not** need to inform school but will be required to self-isolate for 10 days and their close contacts will be identified through the national Contact Tracing Service (CTS).

Sunday 3rd January & Monday 4th January 2021

- Parents of pupils who need to continue their self-isolation into the new term should inform us of their absence by emailing covid@catshillfirst.worcs.sch.uk

Parents should be reminded that under no circumstances should any pupil return to school if they are exhibiting any COVID-19 symptoms (however minor) or are unwell in any other way. They should arrange for a test and inform the school.

Updated symptoms now include:

- ☐ A high temperature
- ☐ A new and continuous cough
- ☐ A loss of smell or taste
- ☐ A shortness of breath
- ☐ A loss of appetite
- ☐ Muscle aches
- ☐ A sore throat
- ☐ A persistent headache
- ☐ Nasal congestion
- ☐ Diarrhoea, nausea and/ or vomiting

I am sure that you will understand that this advice is designed to protect all of our families this Christmas, particularly those with family members who are elderly and / or vulnerable.

My very best wishes



Mr Paul Essenhigh, Executive Headteacher