



16th December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Christmas break is approaching and I am sure many of you are looking forward to spending time with your loved ones, some of whom you may not have seen for some time.

As the school will be closed for the Christmas break, we wanted to let you know how to report if your child has a positive test result, so we can continue to let close contacts know if they need to isolate and when they can stop isolating. **This is an important part of keeping you and your loved ones safe during a period where you and your family may be mixing with others.**

Manchester Test and Trace will take phone calls from you on 21st, 22nd and 23rd December to report your child's positive case.

In the first instance, if your child shows symptoms you should take them for a test as soon as possible.

- **If your child receives a positive test result** before the end of term please contact us in the usual way by emailing admin@northridge.manchester.sch.uk or telephoning 01615079700. **If your child receives a positive test result after the above and up to and including 23 December, you must contact the Manchester Test and Trace Team on 0800 840 3858 as soon as possible. The team is available to take calls between 9-4pm.** During the call you will be asked when your child began to display symptoms to establish if they were in school during their infectious period. This will allow the team to consider if close contacts need to be told to self-isolate.

Positive results for your child from the 24 December onwards (and potential school absence) can be reported to us in the usual manner at beginning of term on 4.1.21.

PLEASE NOTE: Parents/carers of children who are identified as contacts of a positive case, will be contacted by the Manchester Test and Trace team from the 21st up to and including the 23 December. The team is made up of experienced nurses who can provide advice and guidance where needed about your child's isolation dates/requirements.

From 21st December up to and including the 23rd December Manchester City Council will update their website to confirm details about isolation periods for children at the school and so we encourage you to check the following website link regularly at <https://www.manchester.gov.uk/schoolisolations>

If you have any questions please contact school before the end of **Friday 18.12.20**

Yours sincerely,
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