

## Christmas Communication to Parents from Public Health England

### Christmas Test and Trace Arrangements

Parents should continue to notify the school if their child develops symptoms of COVID-19 or is asymptotically tested (tested when they don't have symptoms) in the final week before the Christmas break using the following number – **0151 338 2468** (school hours: 8.30am – 4pm) or **07547 349159** (outside school hours)

### Notifying the school if your child develops COVID-19 symptoms after the nursery closes for Christmas on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December

#### Notify the school if:

- Your child develops symptoms or is asymptotically tested (tested when they don't have symptoms) **before 3.30pm on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2020** and;
- Your child was in school in the 48hrs prior to the symptom on-set (or test if they have been tested but don't have symptoms)

#### You do not need to notify the school if:

- Your child has not been in school in the 48hrs prior to the symptom on-set (or test if they have been tested but don't have symptoms)
- Your child develops symptoms or is asymptotically tested (tested when they don't have symptoms) **3.30pm on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

If your child develops symptoms after this date, you must take your child for a test. If the test is positive, the national test and trace service will contact you to complete the contact tracing.

### Testing

We would like to remind parents that children should only be tested if they develop any of the three COVID-19 symptoms:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

They should not be tested asymptotically (when they don't have symptoms) unless they are part of a study or have been advised to do so by a Consultant in Public Health.

### Returning to school in January

The school does not need to be notified if your child is required to self-isolate during the Christmas holidays. If your child is required to isolate after the 3 January 2021 and will not be in school on the 4 January 2021 please email **office@stwinefrides.cheshire.sch.uk** by the 3 January 2021 outlining the reason why they are isolating and the date they will return. We will then review these emails when we re-open on the 4 January 2021.

### Test and trace arrangements when the school re-opens in January

From the 4 January 2021 onwards the normal test and trace procedures will apply, and parents should contact the nursery/school to notify us if their child develops symptoms of COVID-19 using the following **0151 338 2468** (school hours: 8.30am – 4pm) or **07547 349159** (outside school hours).

### Summary of COVID notification deadlines

Dates	Actions	Contacts
<p><b>After school breaks up on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December up to 3.30pm on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2020</b></p>	<p>Continue to notify the school if your child develops symptoms of COVID-19 – you will need to have your child tested - or is tested asymptotically (tested when they have not got symptoms)</p>	<p><b>07547 349159</b></p>
<p><b>After 3.30pm on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2020</b></p>	<p><b><u>Do not</u></b> notify the school if your child starts with symptoms of COVID-19 You need to arrange for your child to be tested, and the national track and trace service will advise you what to do. <b><u>Do not</u></b> notify the school if your child is tested asymptotically (tested when they have not got symptoms).</p>	<p>No contact required</p>
<p>3 January 2021</p>	<p>Notify the nurse/school if your child is self-isolating and will not be returning on the 4 January 2021</p>	<p><b>office@stwinefrides.cheshire.sch.uk</b></p>
<p>4 January 2021</p>	<p>Notify the nursery/school if your child develops symptoms of COVID-19 or is tested asymptotically (tested when they have not got symptoms)</p>	<p><b>0151 338 2468</b> (school hours: 8.30am – 4pm) <b>07547 349159</b> (outside school hours)</p>