

Friday, May 28, 2021



Dear Parents and Carers

As the half term holidays are approaching please find below the arrangements for the track and tracing during the half term holidays.

### **School Closure and home testing**

School will be closed for the holiday from Monday 31 May and will re-open on Monday 7 June 2021. Following the roll out of the asymptomatic lateral flow testing programme it is vital to keep home testing students.

- test twice a week at home and **continue throughout the holiday.**
- test before returning to school after the holidays, either the night before, or morning of, the first day back, to help find and isolate any positive cases
- report results online to the NHS as positive, negative or void and details are included in the leaflet given out with the test kits.
- Report positive results to school

### **Testing and contact tracing over the half term holidays**

For the holiday period, notification of **positive tests** must be made to the following email: [covid@hgsc.co.uk](mailto:covid@hgsc.co.uk)

If a student tests positive with a home lateral flow test kit they will need to stay at home and begin to self-isolate immediately with their household and any support bubbles they are part of. A confirmatory PCR test should be booked as soon as possible at <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> . If the follow up test confirms the positive result, everyone should continue to isolate. If the result is negative, then the student, their household and support bubbles no longer need to isolate.

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If the symptoms develop within 48 hours of the student being in school we will action our contact tracing service. We will contact all staff and families of identified close contacts asking them to self-isolate and signposting further guidance.

If the symptoms develop 48 hours after a student has attended school please still inform us when the positive test result is confirmed, stating what the symptoms were and when the symptoms started. In addition to this please contact the NHS Track and Trace service.

We hope that this service will not be required and that we can all enjoy a peaceful half-term with our families. Thank you for your continued support and please contact us with any questions.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'K. Reynolds'.

Mrs K. Reynolds  
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