



St. Jude's Church of England Primary School

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Dear parents and carers

What an amazing achievement it is that we have reached the end of the autumn term with all classes remaining in school. I would like to share thanks to the amazing staff team here for supporting the children this term, we have been blessed with good health and resilience to continue delivering the best education for our children. Thank you to you all for your support and helpful communication around sickness absence and contact tracing. We have certainly continued to pull together as a community under very challenging circumstances. This week, as London is placed into Tier 3 we are once again reminded of the swiftly evolving situation of COVID. With this in mind, I would like to share some information about communication through the first part of the holidays to support with identifying close contacts and advising of self-isolation.

The DFE would like parents to be aware of the following important advice:

- 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.
- 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.

As St Jude's finishes on Friday 18th December at 2.00pm - if a child develops symptoms within 48 hours - (up until Monday 21st December at 2.00pm), then parents must contact the St Jude's Covid communication email address to inform me, so that I can alert staff, close contacts and parents of children in that class bubble.

If you need to email me, it will be helpful for you to share :

- ✓ Details of symptoms – including cough, temperature, loss of taste/ smell
- ✓ Clear time line of when symptoms started
- ✓ Any other family members who have symptoms in the household
- ✓ Date tested and results.

I can then pass this information onto Public Health England who will advise on the next steps.



I will be checking this email daily up until Monday 21st December, please use this email for Covid related communication only. The email will also be checked throughout the holidays so that we remain updated on COVID related absence ahead of the beginning of term. ***Please use this email for all Covid related absence and queries throughout the holidays and next term.***

The Covid communication email address is : covidcommunication@stjudeslambeth.org

I am also attaching the latest Tier 3 guidance, please follow this link for further information:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

I do hope that you all have a wonderful, albeit slightly different Christmas this year, and that you are able to see some friends and family within your 'bubble' - whilst staying within 'the rules' of course!

Happy Christmas, and all the best for 2021.

Regards

Miss New

Headteacher



