

THIS EMAIL HAS BEEN SENT TO THE WHOLE SCHOOL

We have been delighted to welcome the children back following the summer holidays, with mercifully few reports of positive Covid tests or symptoms.

Over the last 18 months, we have been especially grateful to those families who have been so cautious and proactive in keeping us informed of symptoms and test results. You have been instrumental in ensuring the safety of our St. Stephen's community. It is thanks to you that we have been able to so effectively limit disruption and prevent infections.

However, with Covid still a very real threat - and further to the recently revised DfE guidelines - we thought it would be helpful to clarify to parents and carers the new procedures if your child either:

a) tests positive or

b) comes into contact with a positive case.

- If your child tests positive for Covid, they should quarantine for 10 days from the first day of symptoms or the day of the positive test.

- If your child has close contact with a person who tests positive for Covid, they do not have to quarantine but we would ask you to ensure that they have a PCR test before they return to school. In addition, we would request that you inform us so that we can identify any other potential close contacts.

Your continued support and vigilance will help us to keep our school as safe as possible, ensuring your children's education can proceed without the disruption that we have experienced in recent times.

Many thanks once again for your cooperation and support.

St Stephen's School