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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope this letter finds you well and ready for the half term holidays. We would like to say thank you for all of your support this term, it has been a fantastic start to a new school year despite the current climate.

It is with this in mind that we would like to share with you the procedure if you, your child or anyone else in your household receive a positive test result for Covid-19 virus over the half term holidays.

If your child receives a positive Covid-19 test result in the holidays:

You must contact the Attendance team using the email GAattendance@gloucesteracademy.co.uk and inform them of

The child's name:

The date the symptoms started:

The date that the positive test result was received.

and attach a copy of the positive test result

How long should my child isolate for?

A positive test result means they must complete a 10-day isolation period at home. Stay at home and begin to self-isolate for 10 days from when the symptoms start.

Government advice is as follows If you do not have symptoms but have tested positive for COVID-19, stay at home and self-isolate for 10 days from the day the test was taken. If you develop symptoms after your test, restart your 10-day isolation period from the day the symptoms start.

Stay as far away from other members of your household as possible, especially if they are clinically extremely vulnerable. Avoid using shared spaces such as kitchens and other living areas while others are present and take your meals back to your room to eat.

You could be fined if you do not stay at home and self-isolate following a positive test result for COVID-19 and you are notified by NHS Test and Trace that you need to self-isolate.

The Isolation period can only end :

After 10 days of isolation from the first day of showing symptoms unless they are still experiencing symptoms in which case you should contact the school again.

If a member of the household has a positive test result for Covid-19 in the holidays but does not attend Gloucester Academy then:

You must contact the Attendance team using the email GAattendance@gloucesteracademy.co.uk and inform them of

The child's name:

Their relationship to the person who has had the positive test:

The date the symptoms started for the member of your household:

and attach a copy of the positive test result

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How long should my child isolate for?

Your child and household should stay at home and self-isolate until 14 days from the point of identification of symptoms in your household.

You should follow public health guidelines and self-distance yourselves from the possible Covid-19 patient, wear face coverings where possible and maintain their regular hygiene routines of washing hands for at least 20 seconds.

Stay at home for 14 days. This is because you may have been exposed to the virus and could pass it on to others, even if you don't have symptoms. Do not leave your home unless in [certain circumstances](#) and only exercise within your home, garden or private outdoor space.

Your 14-day isolation period starts from the day when the first person in your household developed symptoms. If you are isolating because someone in your house has had a positive test result but does not have symptoms, your 14-day period starts from the day their test was taken.

If for any reason you have a negative test result during your 14-day isolation period, **this does not mean you can stop isolating**. Even if you don't have symptoms, you could still pass the infection on to others. Stay at home for the full 14 days to avoid putting others at risk.

The Isolation period can only end:

After 14 days of isolation from the first day the member of your household showed symptoms unless they are still experiencing symptoms in which case you should contact the school.

Further advice is given on this website <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

What if you or your child has been told to self-isolate through NHS Track and Trace?

If your child has had the notification you must contact the Attendance team using the email GAattendance@gloucesteracademy.co.uk and inform them of:

The child's name:

The date they received the track and trace notification:

The date the track and trace App tells the child when to stop self-isolating:

A screen shot of the track and trace notice:

If you're told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace or the NHS COVID-19 app you must self-isolate for 14 days from the day you were last in contact with the person who tested positive for coronavirus – as it can take up to 14 days for symptoms to appear but people you live with do not need to self-isolate if you do not have symptoms people in your support bubble do not need to self-isolate if you do not have symptoms

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/nhs-test-and-trace-if-youve-been-in-contact-with-a-person-who-has-coronavirus/>

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What should your child be doing whilst at home if their isolation period goes into next term?

Whilst your child is isolating, they will be expected to complete the work that is set to ensure they are keeping up with their studies.

Your child will be invited to a google classroom where the links to the lessons and an overview plan of each day are saved. Your child can ask questions through the google classroom if they wish to.

Students who are self-isolating and are physically well in themselves should be completing the work by taking notes in their orange practise books. The orange book is the one they use for their Knowledge Organiser homework, and should be brought in and shared with the Head of Year on their return.

In addition to the lessons, they should also be completing their Knowledge Organiser Practice booklet daily, and (completing one page each day) as well as their Hegarty Maths and Bedrock learning homework.

If your child is unable to access the google classroom the links to the lessons will be available on the school website

For any assessments that are missed, students will be expected to complete these on their return.

How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

Further Information

Further information is available at

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

Yours sincerely

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