



10<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

You may be aware of the communication issued by the DfE regarding their position for the end of term planning. The DfE announced plans for a proposed training day on the last day of term- 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

Whilst Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust acknowledges this circular, all the schools in the Trust will not be making any alterations to the plans in place for the end of term. **Therefore, St Bede's last day of term will remain Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020.**

Please read the following information and relevant arrangements regarding positive COVID-19 cases during the Christmas holidays:

For the first 6 days after teaching ends (up until and including December 24<sup>th</sup> 2020) 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.

This advice is from PHE- you are directed to contact [regional public health](#) teams if you have any questions or queries about the notification.

Should you need to contact the school within the six days to alert leaders of a positive result, please use the following email address: [covidpositive@stbedes.npcat.org.uk](mailto:covidpositive@stbedes.npcat.org.uk).

In the event of a positive case, close contact parents will be notified by text and a letter will be emailed.

If a pupil or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, having developed symptoms **more than 48 hours of being in school**, the school should not be contacted. **Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace. To reiterate, if symptoms develop from Monday 21st December and a test result is positive, the school does not need to assist test and trace.**

May we thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,  
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Senior Leader

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