

16 December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are beginning to enjoy the start of the Christmas break. It is with regret that I need to make you aware of a number of confirmed cases of Covid 19 that have occurred since the end of term.

Our current confirmed cases within the last 14 days are as follows:

Year 6	1
Year 7	4
Year 8	12
Year 9	0
Year 10	5
Year 11	1
Year 12	2
Year 13	0
Staff	7

We continue to contact trace, where necessary, and have contacted those families where a pupil is considered a 'close contact' of a confirmed case. If you have not been contacted, then your child is not considered a 'close contact'. However, we would like to remind all families to be vigilant with monitoring symptoms, distancing and hygiene measures. Further information on symptoms can be found here <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/> and further information on distancing and hygiene can be found here <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/social-distancing/what-you-need-to-do/>.

Contact tracing covers the 48 hours prior to the onset of any symptoms or a positive test. Therefore, any pupil who develops symptoms or tests positive from Monday 14 December would not be considered to have been in contact with pupils at school when they may have been infectious.

Please do continue to inform the school of any positive cases until Friday 18 December, stating the date of the onset of symptoms or when the positive test was taken, so that we are able to determine whether contact tracing is required. In the Junior School please e-mail Miss Whitwood on [lwhitwood@stdunstans.org.uk](mailto:lwhitwood@stdunstans.org.uk) and in the Senior School please e-mail Mrs Davies on [gdavies@stdunstans.org.uk](mailto:gdavies@stdunstans.org.uk).

Beyond Friday 18 December, you do not need to inform us if your child tests positive, unless it affects their return to school in the Lent Term. If your child tests positive, or is isolating as a result of being a close contact for a confirmed case and they will be unable to return to school in January, please e-mail your child's Head of Section on Monday 4 January, copying [Jsoffice@stdunstans.org.uk](mailto:Jsoffice@stdunstans.org.uk) in the Junior School and [absence@stdunstans.org.uk](mailto:absence@stdunstans.org.uk) in the Senior School.

I do not anticipate the need to contact you any further over the Christmas Exeat and I do hope very much that this current surge of cases will abate over the next two weeks and before our return to school in January.

Thank you for your continued support in this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N P Hewlett', written in a cursive style.

Mr N P Hewlett  
Headmaster