



St Robert of Newminster Catholic School and Sixth Form College



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Dear Parents and Carers

Schools still have a responsibility for the contact tracing of positive COVID cases during part of the Easter holiday. Therefore, we ask parents and carers to inform us of a positive test (school@str.bwcet.com) in the following situation:

- In the case of a positive test - if the symptoms developed within 2 days of the student last being in school, or the positive test took place within 2 days of the student last being in school. (Therefore, assuming a student was in school on the final day of term, Thursday 1st April, the positive test or symptoms will have to have been by Saturday 3rd April.)
- If the positive test was by a lateral flow device (LFD), you will subsequently need to book a confirmatory PCR test. Please also update us on the outcome of the PCR test.

Please note that if a student develops symptoms more than 2 days since being in school, or, in the case of asymptomatic testing, tests positive more than 2 days since being in school, you do not need to inform the school for contact tracing. However, we will need to be informed from an attendance point of view, if they will still be self-isolating when school returns next term. We will not need this information until the first day back. Students, parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

After the first 6 days of the Easter holidays, all positive cases will be dealt with through NHS Test and Trace, not schools. Therefore, there is no need to inform the school for contact tracing after Wednesday 7 April, regardless of when symptoms started or when the test was. From Thursday 8th April, we only need informing from an attendance point of view, if a student will still be self-isolating when school returns next term.

Yours faithfully

Mr D Juric
Head Teacher

