

# SAINT NICHOLAS SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

I am writing to inform you that I have had to close the Year 8 and Year 10 bubbles for the rest of this term, as we have heard today that we have had a positive case in each of those years. In addition, I have closed the Year 5 bubble for tomorrow, as a precautionary measure, as we are waiting for a test result from a pupil in Year 5. If that result proves to be negative, Year 5 will be invited back into School on Tuesday, if not Year 5 will remain at home for the rest of term. Close contacts of the pupils involved have been informed.

For all other pupils, we will be open as usual tomorrow.

Given we are getting so close to the Christmas holidays and as you may be aware, the Government has made additional testing capacity available for all children/young people and their families in the Essex area to enable you to get a test even if you do not have symptoms of COVID-19. This is particularly important now as Christmas approaches and families look forward to meeting and spending time together. Should you wish to access a test you can do so by following this link: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

The website also allows you to order tests by post if you cannot drive to one of the drive-through testing centres. You need to select "Yes" to the question "*Is the person who needs a test part of a trial or government pilot project*" on the website.

Thank you in advance for your support: we had hoped to make it to the end of term without closing a bubble – and we very nearly managed it – but I hope that you appreciate that these decisions are made, as we always have, with the health, safety and welfare of all in our community in mind and we think that this is a sensible precaution.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

A D Petty  
Headmaster