

# SAINT NICHOLAS SCHOOL

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Dear Year 5 Parents,

I am writing to inform you that we have heard today that one pupil in Year 5 is awaiting a COVID-19 test result as other members of the family have tested positive.

Consequently, to reduce the risk to other members of Year 5, I am taking the measure of closing the Year 5 bubble for tomorrow and lessons that would have taken place will be taught online via Microsoft Teams. Pupils need to log on for Registration at 8.45am and the teachers will explain what is going to happen during the day.

Should we get information tomorrow that the test result is negative, Year 5 pupils will be invited back into School on Tuesday. However, if we get no result or a positive result then the Year 5 pupils will remain at home on Tuesday and Wednesday as well.

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