

# SAINT NICHOLAS SCHOOL

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Dear Year 7 Parents,

I am writing to inform you that we have, since term ended, had two positive cases of COVID-19 confirmed in Year 7.

Close contacts of those pupils have been informed directly and anyone closely linked to the pupils should isolate for ten days, as per the updated guidance.

I am aware that, in the one case, it is going round that the School had agreed to the pupil coming in. I thought it was important to let you know that the information on which this decision was based was that the pupil had simply had a precautionary test and had no symptoms, consequently, the guidance from Essex County Council is clear on this point: "Your child does not need to self-isolate whilst you are waiting for your test result and can attend school".

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.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

A D Petty  
Headmaster