

# COVID Reporting during half term

Dear Parents,

If your child tests positive for coronavirus at any point during half-term, please notify us as soon as possible so we can complete the relevant tracking and tracing process with public health and notify any other children or staff who have been close contacts and need to self-isolate. During half-term you should contact [head@st-marys-royston.herts.sch.uk](mailto:head@st-marys-royston.herts.sch.uk). Please include a contact number in your email so we can call you for more information if needed. Please don't call the normal absence line as this won't be covered during half-term.

**Remember as soon as your child or any member of your household develops symptoms, they must start self-isolating immediately and book a test.**

**Main symptoms of coronavirus are:**

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If you're not sure whether symptoms suggest that they have coronavirus or an everyday cough or cold, you can consult this online NHS symptom checker: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

**Please do not send children back to nursery or school if any of the following apply:**

- they have symptoms of COVID-19
- they, any members of your household, or any close contacts (including extended family or friends they have seen and bubbles at half-term activities and sports clubs) have tested positive for COVID-19
- they haven't completed the full 14 day isolation period requested

If you or your family are affected by COVID-19 and need support locally with things like shopping, getting medication or financial advice, visit: [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/coronavirus)

[Please only contact me if there is a confirmed positive case in your household.](#)

With very best wishes for a restful half term,

Mrs Pearce