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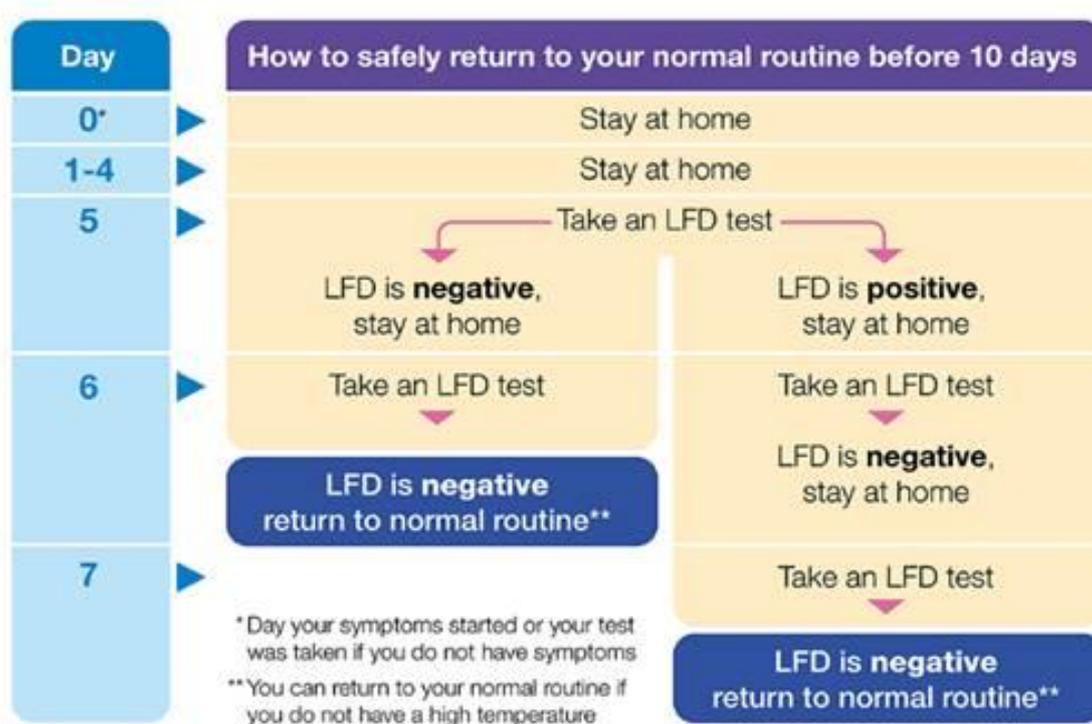
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Dear Parents/Carers

### Update on Covid 19 Regulations

We hope you have had an enjoyable half term and we are pleased to welcome back our students today for the start of Term 4. Now we are in the next phase of the Government's Covid-19 response, further clarity has been requested about school attendance. Therefore please see below for more details of the Government's latest COVID-19 guidance.

It is no longer a legal requirement to self-isolate if you test positive for COVID-19. However, if you have any of the main symptoms of COVID-19 or a positive test result, the public health advice is to stay at home and avoid contact with other people. This is particularly important as there are some members of the school community whose immune system means they are at higher risk of serious illness if they become infected with coronavirus (COVID-19). Therefore if your child develops COVID-19 symptoms, you should keep them at home and arrange a test. If your child tests positive, they should follow the advice on self-isolation in the guidance for people with COVID-19 and their contacts, in line with the following summary:



If your day 5 LFD test result is positive, you can continue taking LFD tests until you receive 2 consecutive negative test results. **Students with COVID-19 should not attend school while they are infectious. They should take an LFD test from 5 days after their symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms) followed by another one the next day. If both these tests results are negative, they should return to school, as long as they feel well enough to do so and do not have a temperature.**

From Monday 21 February, students in mainstream secondary schools will not be expected to continue taking part in regular asymptomatic testing and should follow asymptomatic testing advice for the general population. Further information is available in the [NHS get tested for COVID-19 guidance](#). The school will no longer be distributing test kits to students for regular testing, and it is no longer necessary to carry out regular lateral flow tests at home. However, if anyone missed collecting their tests at the end of last term and they need tests, students can still ask for a box at Student Services.

The school will continue to operate key control measures to reduce the risk of infection in school, including ensuring good hand and respiratory hygiene for everyone, maintaining appropriate cleaning regimes, and keeping occupied spaces well ventilated. It is important that all students continue to wash or sanitise their hands regularly and thoroughly and to follow the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach if they cough or sneeze.

In the event of an outbreak, the school will seek advice from the public health authorities and it may be necessary to re-introduce additional measures on the advice of local or national public health teams.

We will keep you updated with any further changes and thank you for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely



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