



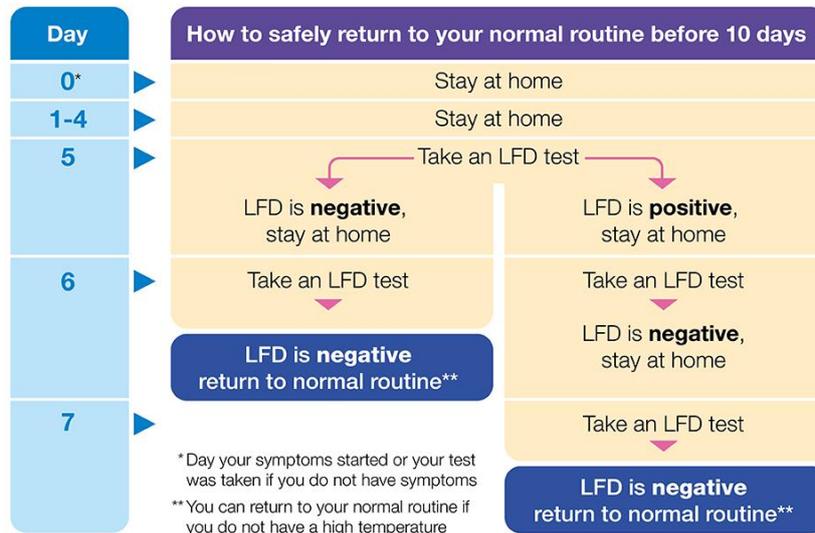
Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you had a good half term and would like to thank you for your continued support throughout the pandemic so far. We are writing with an update following the changes to the Government's and Department for Education's (DfE) guidance last week.

Following the Prime Minister's briefing on 21st February on living with COVID and the press portraying that this is the end of all restrictions, I want to make clear that the guidance remains as follows:

Please continue with the following:

- If your child has any of the main symptoms of Covid-19 (a recent onset of a new continuous cough; a high temperature; or a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell) they should take a PCR test. They should stay at home and avoid contact with other people while you wait for the test result. This remains advice from Public Health and NSAT policy.
- If the PCR test is negative your child can return to school, if they are well enough and do not have a temperature.
- If your child has tested positive (PCR or LFD), young people with Covid-19 should not attend their education setting while they are infectious. They should take an LFD test from five days after their symptoms started followed by another one the next day. If both test results are negative, they can return to school, if they feel well enough to do so and do not have a temperature. If they continue to test positive from day 5, they should remain at home until they have 2 consecutive negative test results or they reach the end of 10 full days of isolation (whichever is the earliest). Here's a diagram from the guidance:



- Your child can continue to attend school if they live with someone who has tested positive, if they do not have any symptoms or they themselves have not tested positive. Advice states that close contacts are no longer advised to do daily LFD testing.





We will continue to keep classrooms well-ventilated and regular handwashing / hand sanitisation will still be encouraged as part of the school routine.

Secondary school pupils and staff no longer need to:

- Take a lateral flow test twice a week
- Wear face coverings in communal areas – although the personal choice remains if any individual would prefer to continue to do this.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and patience. If you have any questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact school.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr Sukhraj Gill
Head of Academy

