



LATEST UPDATE REGARDING POSITIVE COVID TEST AND CLOSE CONTACTS

4 March 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Following the changes to the guidance that came in to force on 24 February, I felt it was important to make you aware of the key content of the guidance we will be following and continuing to promote as a school to keep our community as safe as possible. Below is the key information that has been taken from the various documents that were published on 24 February 2022.

There is no longer a legal requirement for people with coronavirus (COVID-19) to self-isolate, 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.**

Please click on this link for further information on what to do if you are a contact or have tested positive for covid: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts>

If you have COVID-19 you can infect other people from 2 days before your symptoms start, and for up to 10 days after. You can pass on the infection to others, even if you have mild symptoms or no symptoms at all. If you have COVID-19 you should stay at home and avoid contact with other people.

You should:

- not attend work. If you are unable to work from home, you should talk to your employer about options available to you. You may be eligible for [Statutory Sick Pay](#)
- ask friends, family, neighbours or [volunteers](#) to get food and other essentials for you
- not invite social visitors into your home, including friends and family
- postpone all non-essential services and repairs that require a home visit
- cancel routine medical and dental appointments. If you are concerned about your health or you have been asked to attend an appointment in person during this time, discuss this with your medical contact and let them know about your symptoms or your test result
- if you can, let people who you have been in close contact with know about your positive test result so that they can follow this guidance

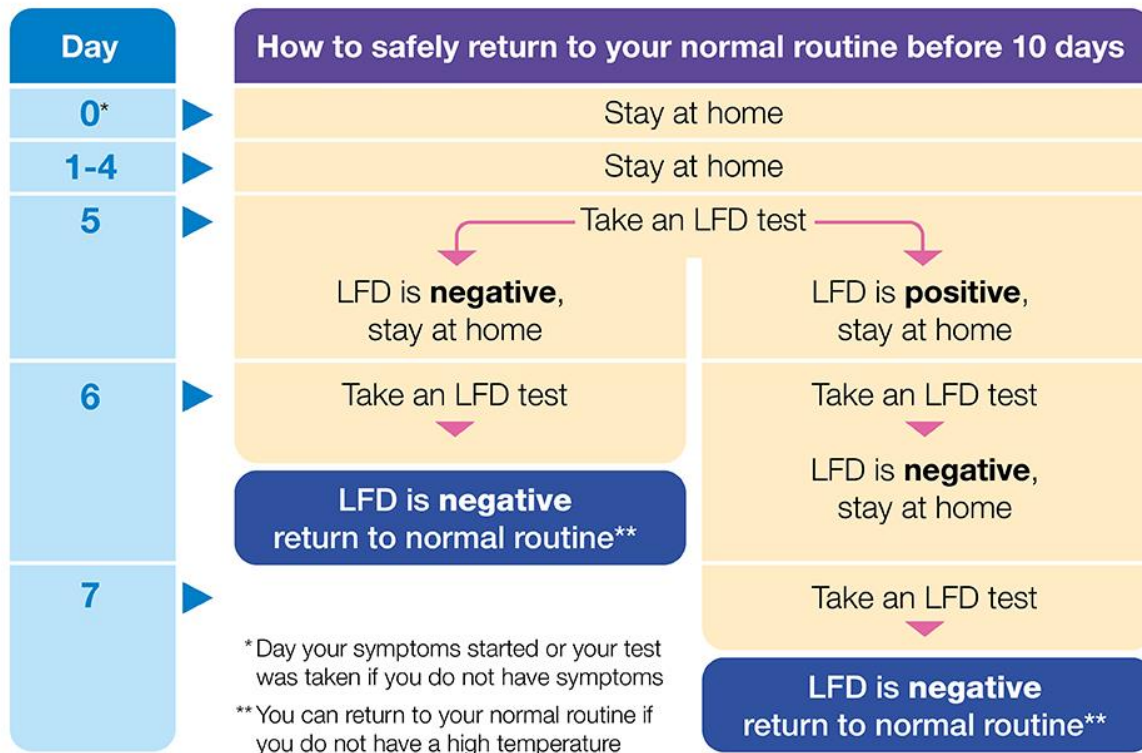
Many people will no longer be infectious to others after 5 days. You may choose to take an LFD test from 5 days after your symptoms started (or the day your test was taken if you did not have symptoms) followed by another LFD test the next day. If both these test results are



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negative, and you do not have a high temperature, the risk that you are still infectious is much lower and you can safely return to your normal routine.

How to safely return to your normal routine before 10 days



If your day 5 LFD test result is positive, you can continue taking LFD tests until you receive 2 consecutive negative test results.

Will my child be able to attend school if they have symptoms or have tested positive?

Children and young people 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 test results are negative, they should return to school, as long as they feel well enough to do so and do not have a temperature.

In most cases, parents and carers will agree that a pupil with the key symptoms of COVID-19 should not attend the school, given the potential risk to others. If a parent or carer insists on a pupil attending school where they have a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19, the school can take the decision to refuse the pupil if, in the school's reasonable judgement, it is necessary to protect other pupils and staff from possible infection with COVID-19.



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How will schools record attendance?

School attendance is mandatory for all pupils of compulsory school age and it is a priority to ensure that as many children as possible regularly attend school. Where a child is self-isolating (awaiting a test result) or in quarantine because of COVID19, the school will record their absence as code X (not attending in circumstances related to coronavirus). Where a child is unable to attend because they have a confirmed case of COVID-19 the school will record this absence as code I (illness).

We hope this provides you with the information you need going forward. We will continue to follow the Public Health advice and will inform you of any changes as and when they are made available.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

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