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Covid-19 Information Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have had a lovely half term break. With a new half term ahead of us, I would like to draw your attention to some Covid-19 updates due to recent changes to government guidance.

Covid-19 Update

We have updated our school risk assessment due to the considerable changes as of the 24th February 2022. The following information is for our children and families and so please take time to read this carefully.

The main message:

If someone develops symptoms or has a positive test result the guidance still advises people to stay at home to avoid passing the infection on to others. There is no longer a legal requirement for people with COVID-19 or their close contacts to isolate, BUT Public Health England (PHE) guidance STILL advises people to stay home for 10 days (or until have 2 negative LFDs on consecutive days from day 5).

Symptoms

Children who are unwell should **not** attend the setting and should remain at home until their acute symptoms resolve. Children need to be 24 hours plus fever free before returning to school.

- **IF** symptoms develop into cough, temperature, changes to taste and smell, should isolate and test.
- **IF** a person tests negative to COVID-19, they need to remain at home until at least 24 hours fever free and acute symptoms resolved.

Parents and settings should not try and 'second guess' a diagnosis – if your child has the key symptoms, please ensure that they isolate and test as you have done previously. (Examples of acute symptoms with which children should not attend school include: fever, muscle aches, hacking cough.)

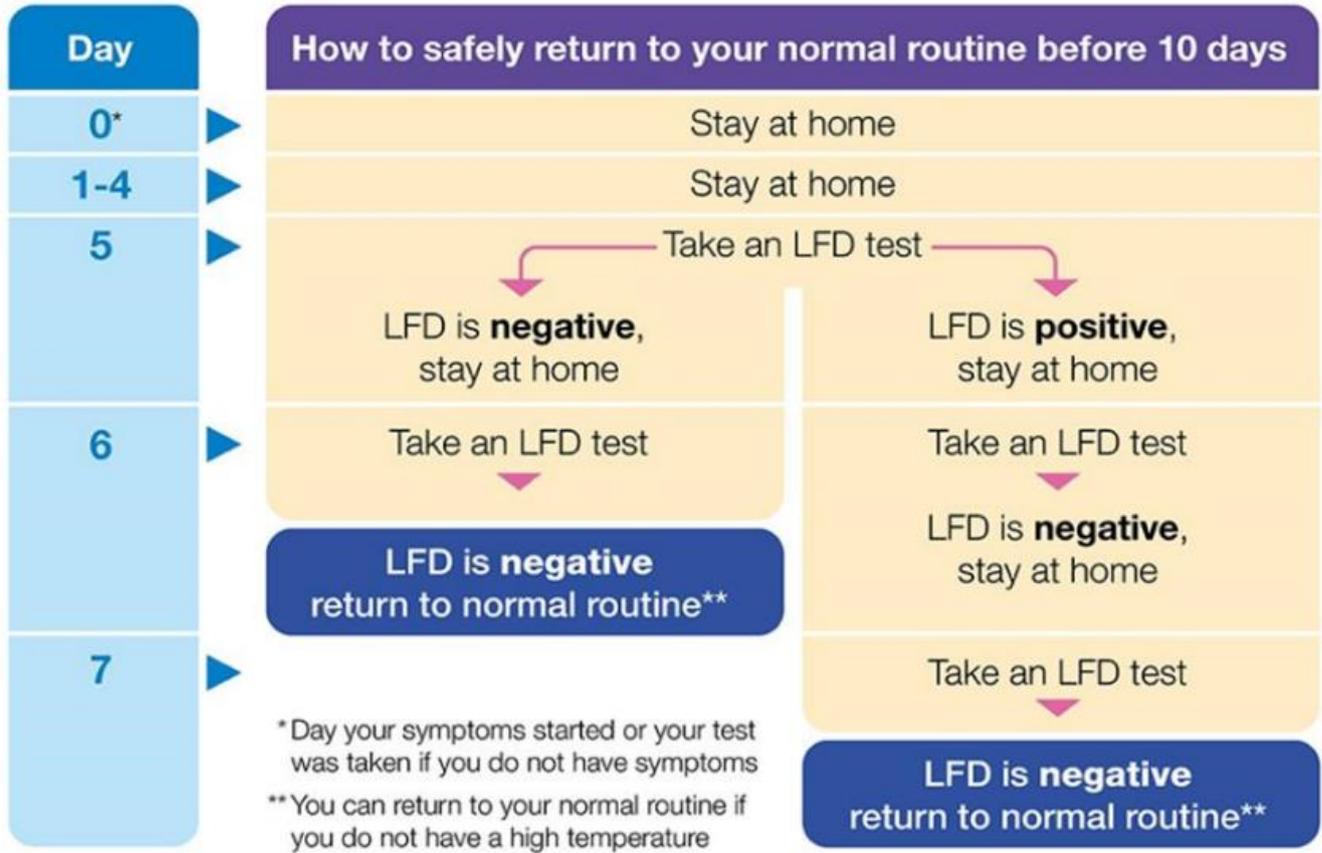
Close Contacts

Routine contact tracing (provided by NHS Test and Trace) has now ended. **Close contacts will no longer be required to self-isolate or advised to take daily LFD tests.** People who test positive for COVID-19 will be encouraged to inform their close contacts and members of their household. Close contacts are still advised to take additional precautions for 10 days in case symptoms develop.

Testing

PCR testing is still currently available for anyone with Covid-19 symptoms. However, if you have lateral flow tests (LFT) and wish to test your child/ren, you can, although there is no requirement to do so.

How to safely return to your normal routine before 10 days



Questions

If you have any questions or queries about the above information, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

Best wishes,