

28th February, 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Key Changes to Covid guidelines for Educational Settings

I hope that you and your family were able to enjoy some time together during half-term.

You will be aware that there were changes to Covid guidelines announced last week. The following relate specifically to schools:

- The UKHSA guidance is clear that, while there is no longer a legal requirement for people with Covid to self-isolate, if you have any of the main symptoms of Covid or a positive test result, **the public health advice is to stay at home and avoid contact with other people.**
- If your child has **any of the symptoms** associated with Covid, you should **book a PCR test.**
- Children **should not attend** school if they test positive for COVID.

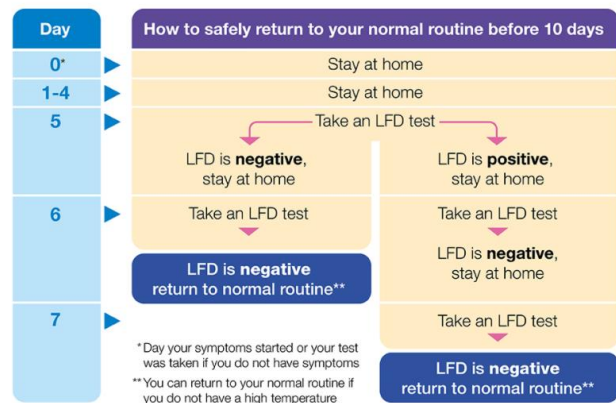
Additionally, the guidance outlines: "If you insist on your child attending nursery, school, or college **when they have symptoms**, they can take the decision to refuse your child if, in their reasonable judgement, it is necessary to protect other pupils and staff from possible infection with COVID-19."

[What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during COVID-19 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-covid-19)

Children and young people should continue to **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 their educational setting if they normally attend one, **as long as they feel well enough to do so and do not have a temperature.**

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

How to safely return to your normal routine before 10 days



Within school, we are reviewing our in-school risk assessment which continues to emphasize the importance of good ventilation above all and adherence to the updated Government guidance, as well as Local Authority advice.

Yours sincerely,

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