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Dear Parents

Re: 'Living with Covid'

As you will know, at the beginning of the week the Prime Minister announced a relaxing of most Covid-19 restrictions from today. We received some updated guidance this morning that shed a little more light on how schools are to manage Covid-19 cases until at least the end of the current Spring Term.

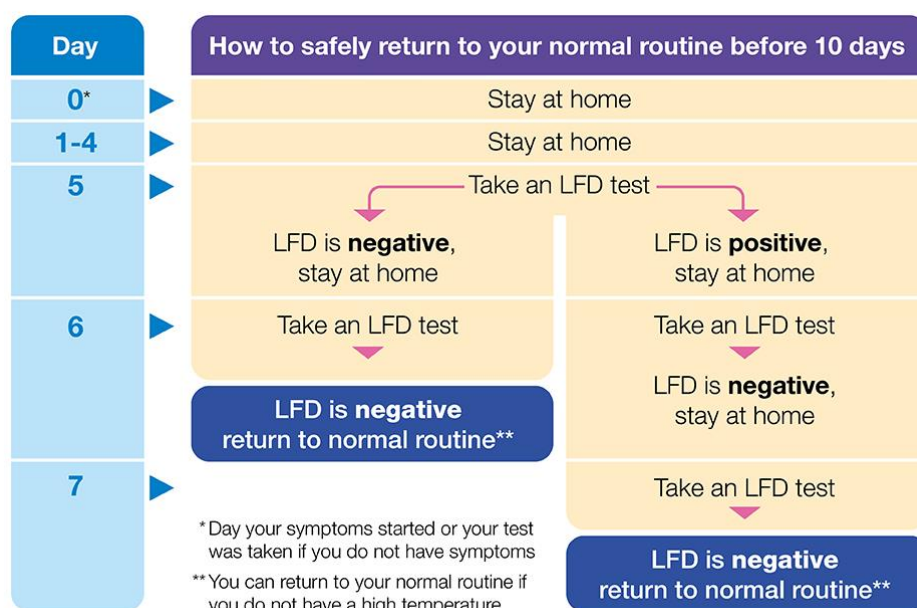
Self-Isolation for Positive Cases

The government maintains that 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.

Although no longer a legal requirement from today, adults and children who test positive for Covid-19 continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days. In this respect, nothing really changes.

After 5 days, you may choose to take a Lateral Flow Device test followed by another the next day. If both are negative, and your child does not have a temperature, you can safely return to your normal routine.

The following is from the government's latest guidance:



Daily Testing for Close Contacts of Positive Cases

Schools will no longer administer routine contact tracing. Close contacts of positive cases will no longer be required to test daily for 7 days, and the legal requirement for close contacts who are not vaccinated to self-isolate has been removed.



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Face Coverings

Face coverings are no longer advised for pupils, staff and visitors. However, we appreciate that staff and senior pupils may choose to continue wearing them for now.

Covid-19 Measures in School

We will continue to:

- Review our contingency plans that we will follow if we need to take extra measures in exceptional circumstances.
- Encourage good hygiene for everyone.
- Maintain our enhanced cleaning regimes.
- Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.
- Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of Covid-19.

Reporting Cases

Please continue to report a positive result to the usual covid@ email address so that we can record your child's absence accordingly.

Guidelines to Follow

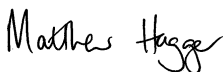
Some of the documentation that we have been following is as follows:

- [Schools Covid-19 Operation Guidance \(updated 24 February 2022\)](#)
- [Covid-19: People with Covid-19 and their contacts \(published 24 February 2022\)](#)
- [Covid-19 Response – Living with Covid-19 \(published 22 February 2022\)](#)

For now, the guidance remains the same – isolate if you test positive. I'm sure that there will be more clarity provided over the coming days, and I will write again when we know more. In the meantime, the above three guidance documents contain more detailed information that you might like to read through.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely



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