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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you and your children have had a very good half term break, despite the unusual end to term and the dismal weather!

You'll be aware that during last week changes were made to legislation regarding COVID-19, and I'm writing to clarify the position regarding school attendance.

While the legal position has changed (for example making it no longer a legal requirement for people to isolate) the public health guidance remains in place. As with other illnesses, such as sickness bugs, we follow public health guidance in order to minimise the spread of infectious illnesses.

So with regard to COVID-19, the situation is as follows (this is summarised overleaf):

- There is no need to test your children routinely for COVID-19. Testing only comes in to play if your child has symptoms.
- 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, their normal sense of taste or smell) you should order a PCR test for them. Your child should stay at home and avoid contact with other people while they wait for the test result.
- Children with Covid-19 should not attend school while they are infectious. This will include at least the first 5 days of illness, with the day symptoms start being day 0. If they test negative on the morning of day 5 *and* day 6 *and* no longer have a temperature, they can return to school on day 6.
- However, children and young people who live with someone who has Covid-19 should still continue to attend school as normal, but taking daily lateral flow tests.

We will continue to offer home learning to children who need to be at home in order to follow this guidance, but are otherwise well enough to work.

I hope this is helpful but do get in touch if anything is unclear or if you are not sure how this applies to a particular situation that arises in your household.

Kind regards

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Plan for Living with COVID-19: Key changes

People with main symptoms of COVID-19 **STILL** advised to stay at home, avoid contact with others and PCR test.



Fever



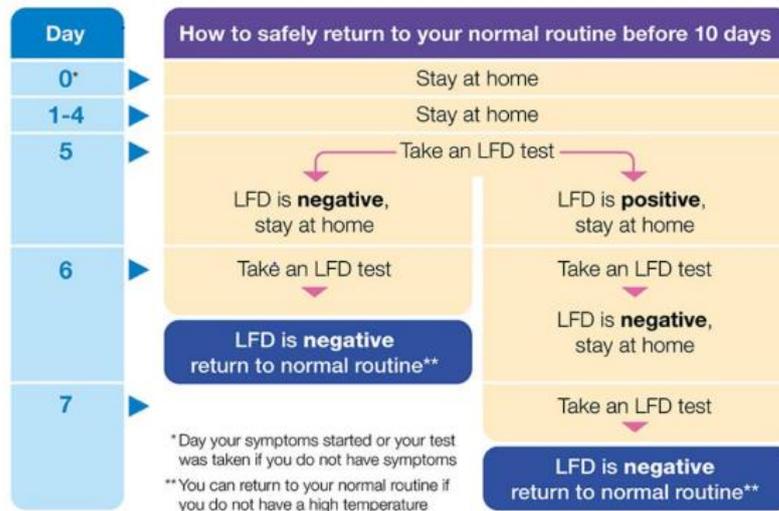
Cough



Loss of smell/taste

Note: other symptoms may be present, however, **PCR testing and isolation** continue to be advised **based on these three symptoms**.

How to safely return to your normal routine before 10 days



Source: COVID-19: people with COVID-19 and their contacts - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)