



Monday 28th February 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new half term and the beginning of the second part of the school year. I hope that you and your children have had a restful and very enjoyable half-term break.

We are looking forward to an exciting term ahead. Staff are busy planning trips and the following events are already in the pipeline:

Thursday 3rd March - World Book Day – dress up as your favourite character and bring your favourite story to share at school

Week beginning March 14th - Science week – lots of science exploration planned. With our very own scientists coming in to share their knowledge and skills with reception.

Friday 18th March – Red Nose Day, bring a £1 to school and wear as much red as possible!

PTA – We need you!

Please do support our newly formed PTA, they need you! You can get in touch with either Michaela or Rachel on pta.comper@gmail.com. Being involved with the PTA is a great way to get to know other families and support the school. If you can't give up any time, then you can also support the PTA by attending events often this involves no more than enjoying eating cake and chatting to friends!

Return to school following the release of *Living with Covid* Guidance 28/2/2

Covid Update

As you know as of the 21st of February the Prime Minister set out the next phase of the Government's COVID19 response which involves an easing of restrictions. This week we have been provided with updated Department of Education and Local Authority guidance about what we now need to do following the gradual easing of restrictions – see below. A large part of this guidance is to minimize the impact of the virus on children and young people's education. However, we are still keen to keep our school community healthy and safe. Therefore, the [guidance](#) for schools still remains in place to help minimizing the spread of the virus while enabling as much face to face education as possible. Our school risk assessment will be updated and on our website in due course, but I wanted to share some of the most important information with you first.

What if my child has Covid or symptoms of Covid?

Guidance for [People with COVID-19 and their contacts](#) is still in place. The guidance states that:

The main official symptoms of COVID-19 are a recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature



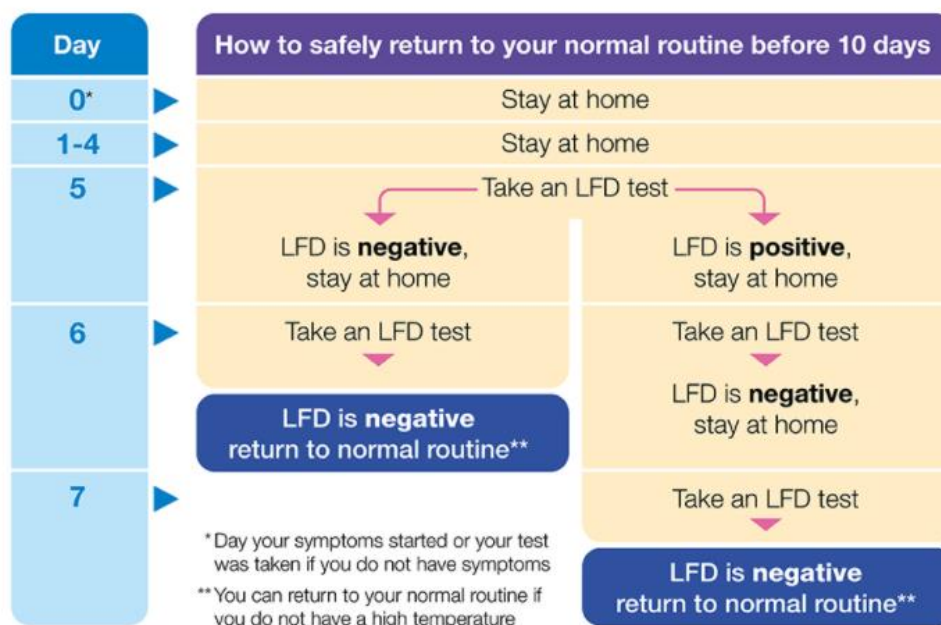
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)
- However, please be aware the key symptoms are also, sore throat, headache and heavy cold. These have been common symptoms with Omicron and are often those observed in children.

If you have any of these symptoms you [should order a PCR test](#). **You are advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people while you are waiting for the test result.**

- 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 24 hours later. 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.
- Children should only return to school when they have two negative LFTs in a row or after 10 days of isolation.
- The first day of your positive LFT result is day 0. The day after counts as day 1 of isolation.

The diagram below should illustrate this further:

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.

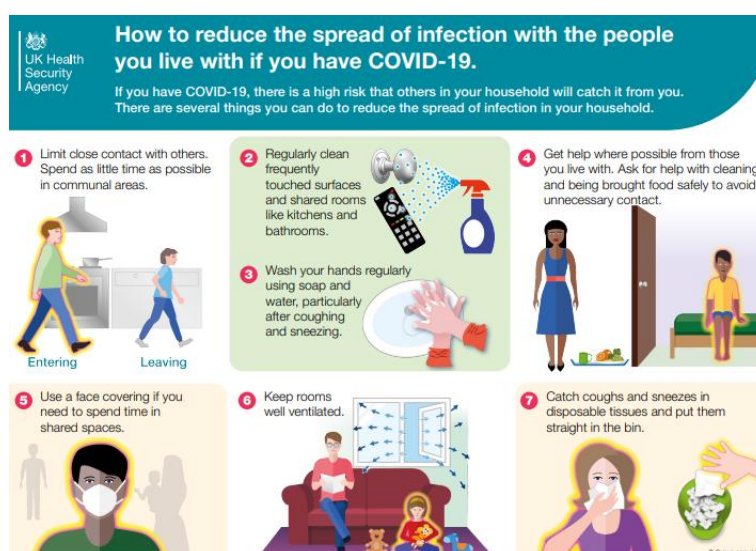
Please do not send your child back to school until they have isolated for 10 days or returned two consecutive negative lateral flow tests.



We are strongly urging you to follow the guidance that remains in place regarding isolation when infected. We will take the decision to refuse a pupil if in our reasonable judgement, we suspect, or they are a confirmed case of Covid 19. This is to protect other pupils, staff, and the families in our school community.

What if someone in the household has tested positive for Covid?

Your child should still attend school, but we continue to ask that your child takes regular LFT tests to help stop the spread of Covid into school and to help us maintain staffing levels and keep staff and children safe.



What measures will still be in place in school?

Although the restrictions have been lifted, there is still a requirement to have these control measures in place:

1. Ensure good hygiene for everyone.
2. Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes.
3. Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.
4. Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.

I know for some of you that the lifting of restrictions may cause you some anxiety however I would like to assure you that I and our dedicated staff will continue to follow the guidance and our risk assessment to ensure we are able to keep the school open and our community as safe and healthy as possible.

With very best wishes,



Catherine King