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Covid Pandemic Update

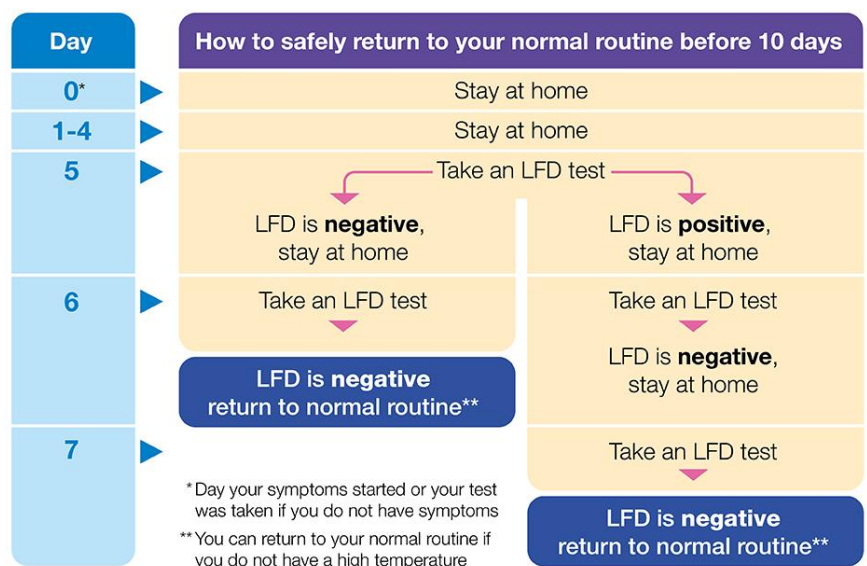
Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have all had a wonderful half term. As you know, there have been a number of updates and changes the government has announced during the half term regarding the Covid pandemic. With this in mind, I thought it useful to update you on how these changes affect us at school.

Whilst all restrictions have been lifted nationwide, we are very aware that we still need to follow guidance to ensure we protect our most vulnerable pupils and staff especially. Schools still have actions which they are expected to follow and so we will ensure that all the relevant guidance is kept in place.

What is staying the same?

- Good **ventilation** in rooms.
- **Cleaning** regimes in place.
- **Hand washing** regularly.
- **Risk assessments** in place and reviewed regularly.
- Our **outbreak management/contingency plan** will remain in place including how we set work if pupils are off due to Covid and how we deal with any potential outbreak.
- If you are a **close contact** for someone with Covid, you should continue to watch out for symptoms and take LFD tests where you can. As before, people who are close contacts can still attend school.
- If your child is **poorly**, especially with symptoms of Covid, they should continue to remain off school to recover.
- If anyone in your household has **symptoms** of Covid, we ask you isolate and get a PCR test.
- Whilst **isolation** if you have Covid is no longer the law, we will support you and staff so you **should isolate for at least 5 days if you test positive** for Covid. This follows the guidance set out at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts> This guidance contains the recommendation which is shown in the flow chart here. We kindly ask you continue to follow this to help manage any cases which may come into the school. Following this guidance ensures that our pupils and staff are protected well.
- If you are **unwell** at all, we ask you as a parent/carer continue to wear a **mask** when talking to staff.
- Our clubs, trips, lessons, structure of the school day etc all remain the same as before as there were no restrictions on them during the last term anyway.



What is changing?

- We will be lifting our **one way system** for **most gates**. Please note, the gate that leads from the nursery playground on Edward street will **always remain** an **exit only gate** as the picket fence outside year 6/nursery is a bottle neck and can be stressful for our pupils leaving school. All other gates will be entrance and exit gates now.
- We no longer ask you to wear **masks** unless you are unwell however you are welcome to wear them should you wish to. You may find some staff do, especially if they are more vulnerable but this is no longer a requirement.

Thank you for taking the time to read the relevant guidance and also to follow our policies and procedures. As always, please feel free to contact myself or one of the team if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "AERogers". The letters are cursive and slightly slanted to the right.

Mrs Amy Rogers
Principal