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Dear Parents and Carers,

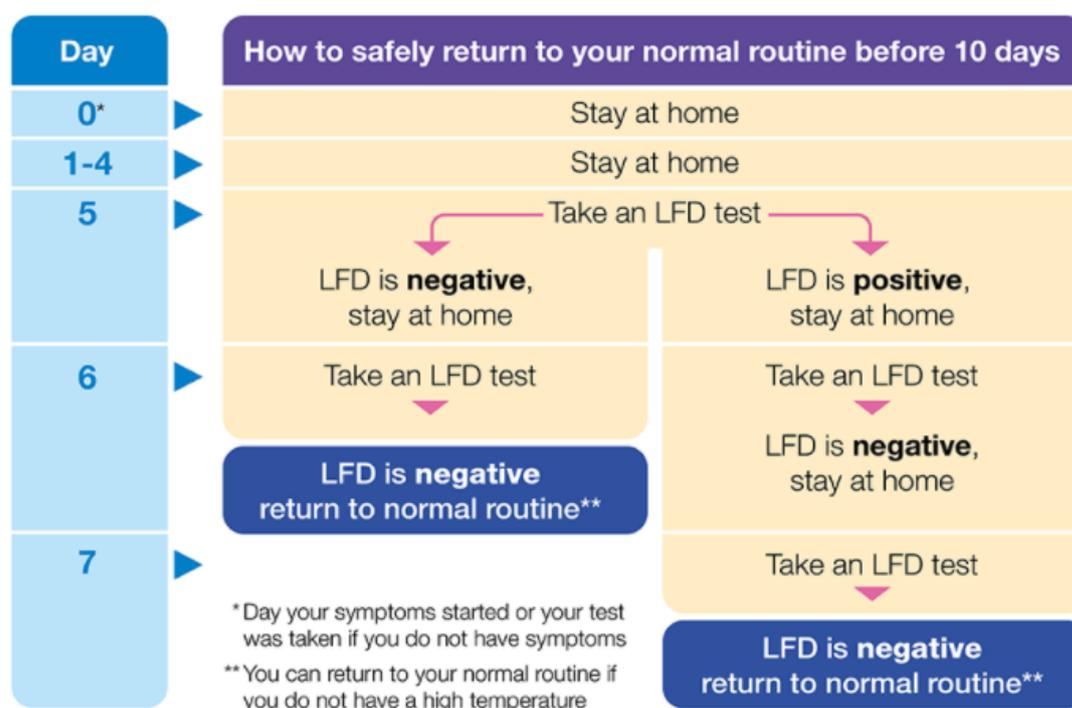
Following on from my letter last week concerning COVID, I am writing to you with the latest guidance, our current position, and the measures we are taking in school.

As stated last week, we are following government guidance which can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts>

The guidance states that:

Children and young people with COVID-19 should not attend their education setting 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 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. They should follow the guidance for their educational setting.

How to safely return to your normal routine before 10 days



We are currently experiencing considerable pupil absence across the school with at least a few pupils away in each class. This is a changing picture each day as pupils return to school and others test positive.

Staffing has also been affected with several Teachers and Support Staff away last week and multiple new cases being notified today and over the weekend. With this in mind, we are taking the following steps in the hope that we return to regular routines as soon as possible:

- The tag rugby fixture will not be attended by HEPS tomorrow after school
- Clubs, including Kickboxing today, will be suspended this week. Children who were due to attend clubs can have a free one hour slot in Busy Bees on the day of their club so child care arrangements are not affected.
- We are mindful of the Parent Evening meetings next week and will keep everyone informed of how we plan to manage this nearer the time
- Staff have been given the option of wearing masks again.

These actions can reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with coronavirus (COVID-19):

- Test your child with a lateral flow kit if they show signs of COVID. If they test positive, please keep them at home for five days and send them back to school only after receiving two negative tests.
- Get vaccinated – everyone aged 12 and over can book COVID-19 vaccination appointments now.
- Wash your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitiser regularly throughout the day.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze.
- Put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards.
- Meet people outside and avoid crowded areas.
- Open doors and windows to let in fresh air if meeting people inside.
- Wear a face covering if aged 11 and over when it's hard to stay away from other people – particularly indoors or in crowded places.

Please call the School Office if you have any questions or need to inform us of your child's absence.

Kind regards,

Mrs Doughty Davis
Headteacher