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Dear Parents,

We are writing to let you know that as of Monday 21st March we will be easing the restrictions that have been placed on classes over the last two weeks.

Children from different classes will be able to mix and extra-curricular clubs will start once again.

We will continue to maintain levels of cleaning and encourage good hand hygiene. We will monitor CO2 levels in classrooms and ensure effective ventilation. We will continue to monitor case numbers and keep you informed if anything should change.

Please continue to look out for COVID-19 symptoms. If your child has any of the three main COVID-19 symptoms they should book a PCR test, stay at home, and avoid contact with others. If tested positive, cases should stay at home for at least 5 consecutive days.

COVID-19 symptoms and what to do if your child has them

The main symptoms of COVID-19 are the recent onset of:

- a new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If your child develops any of these symptoms, then arrangements should be made for them to take a PCR test as soon as possible. Your child should stay at home and avoid contact with others while awaiting the PCR test result. Please note that we are also sending children home if we believe they have one or more symptoms requiring a PCR test.

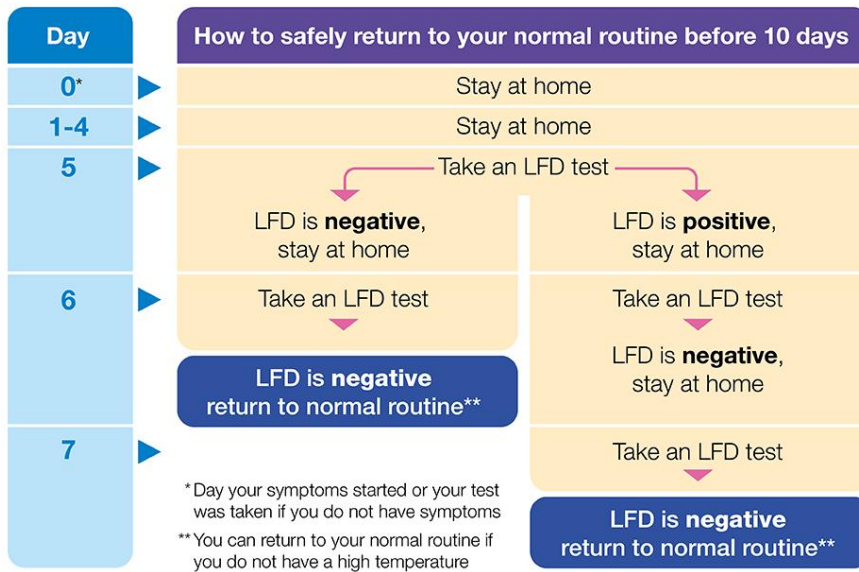
Testing for pupils with symptoms can be arranged by calling 119 or via the NHS website:

www.nhs.uk/coronavirus Please keep us informed of the results of any tests.

Provided that their PCR test results are negative, your child/children can continue to attend school as usual, as long as they have no symptoms.

If any test results are positive, your child/children should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. Please see the diagram below for further information on safely returning to their normal routine.





Pupils who are in the same household as a symptomatic or positive case (e.g. siblings)

If an individual in a household tests positive or has symptoms, any children and young people in that household who attend school or college should:

- Attend their education or childcare setting as normal
- Minimise contact with the person who has COVID-19 at home
- Avoid contact with anyone you know who is at higher risk of becoming severely unwell if they are infected with COVID-19, especially those with a severely weakened immune system.
- Pay close attention to the main symptoms of COVID-19. If they develop any of these symptoms, seek a PCR test. They are advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people while waiting for the test result.

Changes in line with government 'Living with COVID-19' plan

- No-one is legally required to self-isolate if they test positive for COVID-19. They are advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people.
- They do not need to take daily asymptomatic LFD tests.
- Unvaccinated individuals are not legally required to self-isolate following contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.
- Individuals can still take a LFD test from day 5 after symptoms started (or the day you had the test if you do not have symptoms) and another the next day and if these are both negative can return to their normal routine before 10 days.
- Contact tracing conducted by NHS Test and Trace has been discontinued.



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Individuals living in Wales should continue to follow Welsh public health guidance: <https://gov.wales/self-isolation>

Children who are at home (who have symptoms or test positive) will have access to learning sent home by teachers, but they should only participate in the work if they feel well enough to do so. Work will sent as soon as possible, but in the meantime, activities are available on the school website, Mymaths, Timestable Rockstars and Oxford Owl. Please continue to stay in contact with the school if your child is unwell so we can offer you support as appropriate.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office.

Your sincerely

Headteacher

