



02.03.22 – Covid-19 update

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please see below the current Covid-19 advice as it applies to learners in specialist settings such as ours:

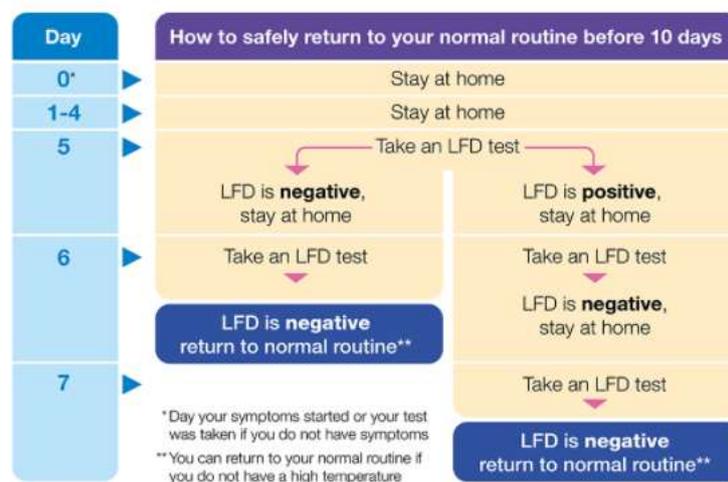
If your child develops symptoms, they are advised to stay at home and access a PCR test.

What are the symptoms? The main symptoms of Covid-19 are:

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

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 tests 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. If your day 5 LFD test result is positive, you can continue taking LFD tests until you receive 2 consecutive negative test results. If your child cannot take a reliable LFD test, they will need to complete the 10-day isolation before returning to school.

How to safely return to your normal routine before 10 days



If your child is a contact of any person with Covid-19:

Contacts are no longer required to self-isolate or advised to take daily tests, and contact tracing has ended.

Regular LFD testing for all secondary school age pupils:

Secondary school age pupils in specialist SEND settings are currently advised to continue twice weekly testing. You can use the LFD tests sent home from school. LFD tests are for testing when your child has **NO SYMPTOMS**. If your child develops Covid-19 symptoms, then a PCR test is needed. No confirmatory PCR test is needed after a positive LFD test.

Using face coverings in school:

Face coverings are no longer advised for pupils, students, staff and visitors in classrooms or communal areas. Those that wish to continue wearing them may do so.

Yours sincerely, Lucy Lee, Headteacher

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