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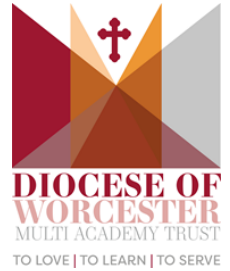
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28th February 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Head of School Update – COVID updated guidance

I hope everyone has had an enjoyable and relaxing half term break with family and friends. What a strange mix of weather!

As you will be aware via the news, new documentation has been released regarding COVID-19 guidance effective from 24th February as follows: <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 states:

“There is no longer a legal requirement for people with coronavirus (COVID-19) infection to self-isolate, however if you have any of the main symptoms of COVID-19 or a positive test result, the public health advice is to stay at home and avoid contact with other people.

The following advise is for:

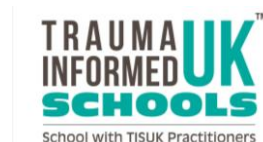
- *People with any of the main symptoms of COVID-19*
- *People who have received a positive COVID-19 lateral flow device (LFD) or polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test result*
- *People who live in the same household as, or who had had close contact with, someone who has COVID-19.*

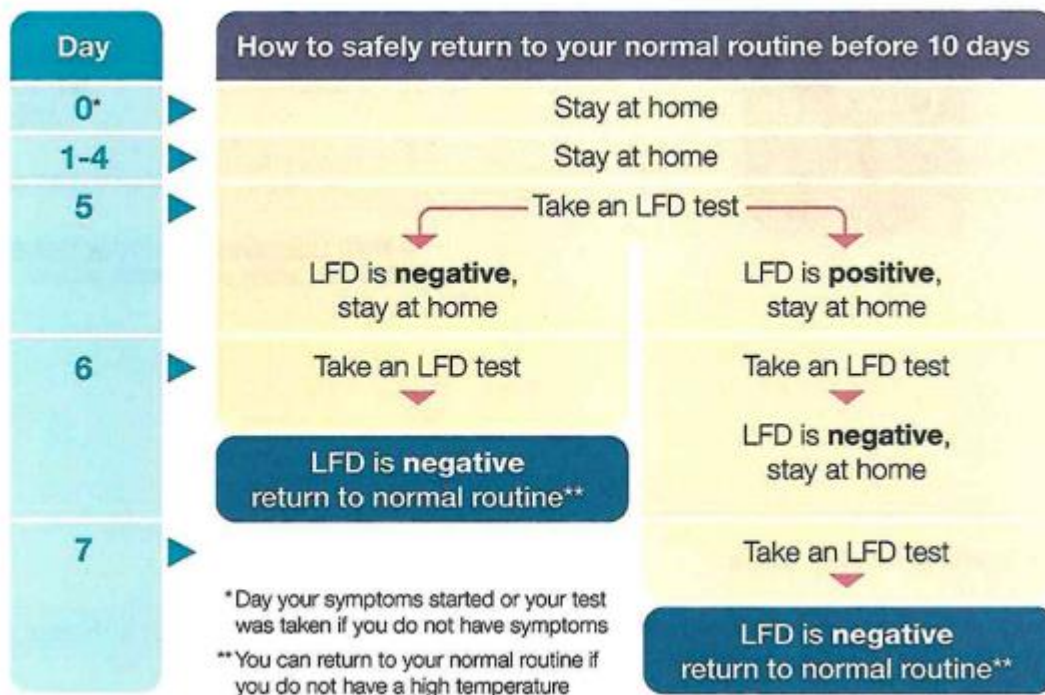
This also applies to children and young people who usually attend an education or childcare setting”

Therefore, both the Chair of Governors and myself have decided that in the best interest of pupils, staff and families as a school, despite there no longer being a legal requirement to isolate, we will be following the guidance for both pupils and staff as set out in the government documentation.

If your child has any of the three symptoms; a new continuous cough, a high temperature or a loss of, or change in their normal sense of taste or smell, **please ensure they get a PCR test and only return to school following a negative result.**

If your child tests positive with COVID-19 please ensure they isolate and only return to school following a negative LFD test on two consecutive days from day 5 and 6 as set out in the guidance above. Please see the table below which is enclosed in the documentation as a reminder.





I know parents will appreciate, and support school, knowing that we are trying at all times to follow guidance and maintain the best preventative measures for all. The Schools COVID-19 Operational Guidance (February 2022) does clearly state under 'Welcoming Children Back to School':

"In most cases, parents and carers will agree that a pupil with the key symptoms of COVID-19 should not attend the school, given the potential risk to others. If a parent or carer insists on a pupil attending your school where they have a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19, you (Head of School) can take the decision to refuse the pupil if, in your reasonable judgement, it is necessary to protect other pupils and staff from possible infection with COVID-19."

At all times, we want to prevent any further outbreaks of COVID-19 alongside balancing a return to normality in our school.

Please ensure if your child has any symptoms they do **NOT** come in to school, follow the above guidance and are tested before returning.

Thank you for your ongoing support in these difficult and ever changing times.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Martyn Bream
Head of School