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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the latest Covid announcement from Boris, many of you may be wondering what this means for your children at Steyning C of E Primary School.

Your child and family will see very few differences. We are currently not using the bubble system and staff will now no longer be asked to wear face coverings in communal areas unless they wish to. Bubbles and face coverings will only be reinstated if cases rise significantly.

As a school, we will still continue to contact you if we believe your child is unwell and has suspected Covid symptoms.

Although it is no longer a legal requirement to self-isolate, do not send your child to school if:

- they are showing one or more [coronavirus \(COVID-19\) symptoms](#)
- they have had a positive test result
- there are other reasons requiring them to stay at home, for example, they are [required to quarantine](#)

You should follow public health advice on [when to self-isolate and what to do](#).

Please be aware that the school can make the decision to refuse a child entry to school if it is necessary to protect other pupils and staff from possible infection with COVID-19, in light of all the circumstances and current public health advice. (DFE 24/2/22)

Reminder of symptoms

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

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

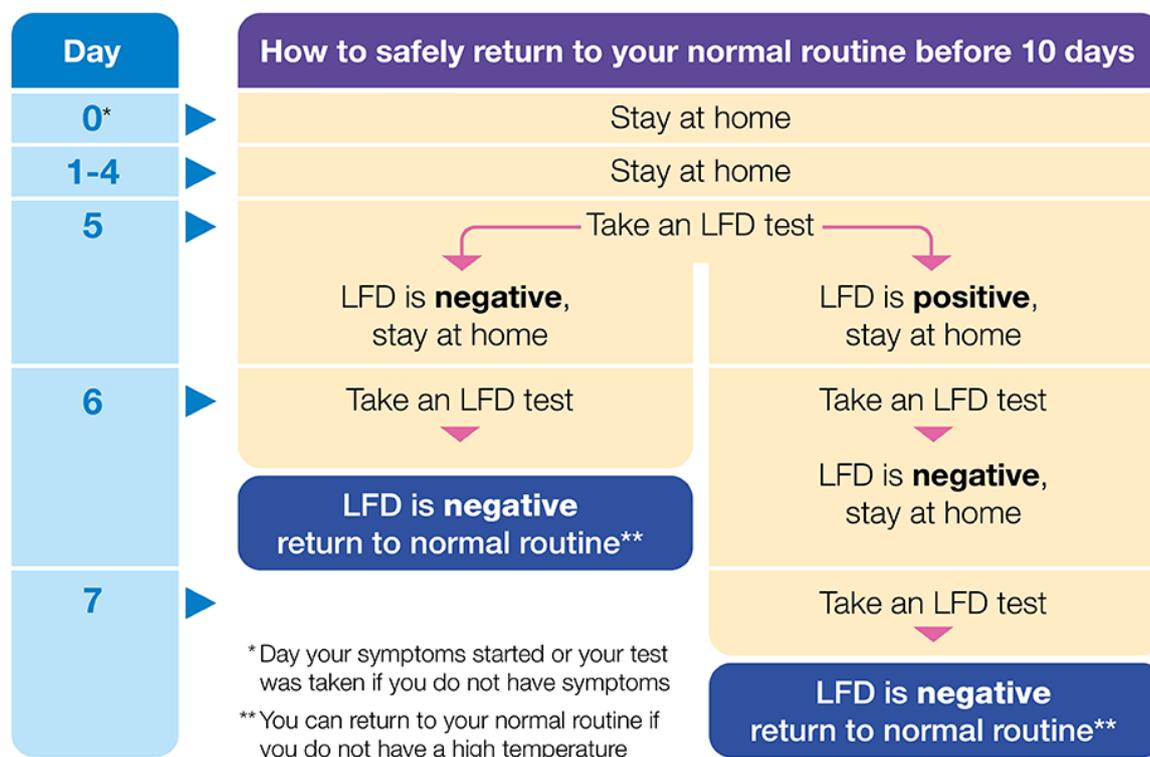
If you have any of these symptoms you [should order a PCR test](#). You are advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people while you are waiting for the test result.

There is [additional guidance](#) for people who have been informed by the NHS that they are at highest risk of becoming severely unwell and who might be eligible for new COVID-19 treatments.

Other symptoms linked with COVID-19 include shortness of breath, fatigue, loss of appetite, muscle ache, sore throat, headache, stuffy or runny nose, diarrhoea, nausea and vomiting. Any of these symptoms may also have another cause.

If you are concerned about you or your child's symptoms, or they are worsening, contact 111 or speak to your GP. In an emergency dial 999. Should you need to isolate at home I hope this diagram helps to explain:

How to safely return to your normal routine before 10 days



If your day 5 LFD test result is positive, you can continue taking LFD tests until you receive 2 consecutive negative test results.

The positive and subsequent negative results still need to be reported to the school office so we can track Covid within the school.

If you would like further information, please look at the DFE guidance on this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/step-4-update-what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-college>

I hope you have all had a lovely half term despite the weather. I look forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday.

Kind regards,



Sue Harrison
Headteacher