

28th February 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

On 24th February 2022 the Government and DfE updated their Covid-19 isolation guidance on self-isolation.

Control Measures

The risk from Covid remains real and as such all schools are required to maintain the 4 key control measures that have been in place for the majority of the pandemic:

1. Ensure good hygiene for everyone.
2. Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes.
3. Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.
4. Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.

Whilst there is no longer a legal requirement for people with COVID-19 to self-isolate, 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 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

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.

Actions if you have COVID-19

If you test positive for COVID-19 you should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. You should take an LFD test from 5 days after your symptoms started (or the day your test was taken if you did not have symptoms) followed by another one the next day. If both these tests results are negative, you can return to school, as long as you feel well enough to do so and do not have a temperature.

This is shown in the diagram at the end of this letter. If you are in any doubt, please contact the school for advice.

Our measures and restrictions

Measures Calton Primary School previously had in place have now been relaxed or removed:

- Assemblies including collective worship will now take place in Key Stage groups.
- Class assemblies with parents invited in have already been reinstated with appropriate distancing measures in place.

- Visitors have been allowed to return to school and volunteers have been invited back in.
- All extra-curricular clubs, including all music lessons and after school activities have been resumed.
- Sporting fixtures have been resumed.
- Year Group bubbles for learning and lunch have now been removed.
- Parent Coffee Mornings have restarted and take place in Onyx on Tuesday mornings.

Asymptomatic testing:

Staff will not be expected to continue taking part in regular asymptomatic testing, however we recommend that all staff continue regular twice weekly testing.

Tracing close contacts and isolation:

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

Face coverings:

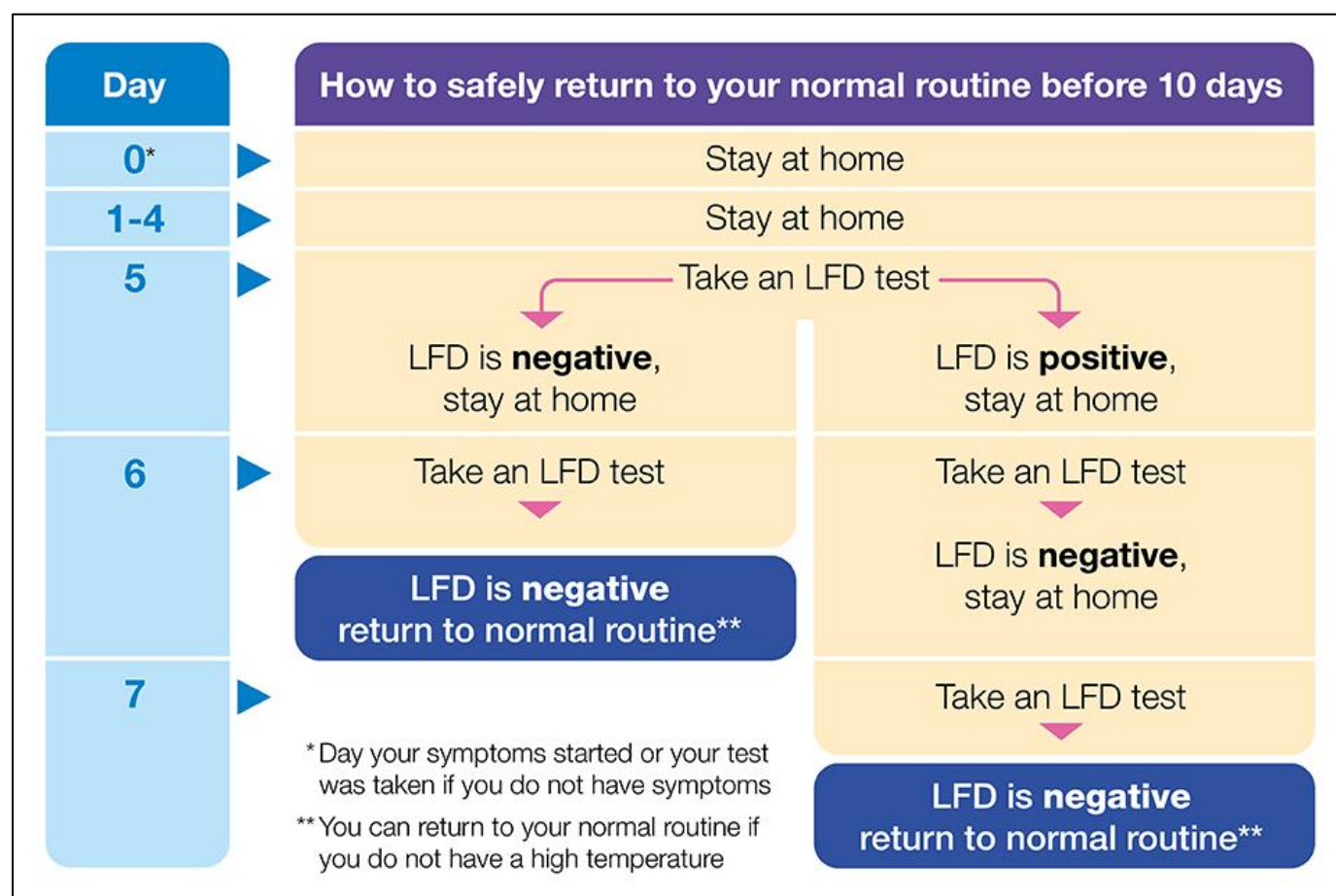
Face coverings are no longer advised for staff and visitors in classrooms or communal areas. Staff and visitors are free to continue to wear a face covering if they wish to.

Attendance:

School attendance remains mandatory for all children.

Remote Education:

The school will continue to support those children who are self-isolating because they have tested positive to work or learn from home if they are well enough to do so.



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