

28th February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

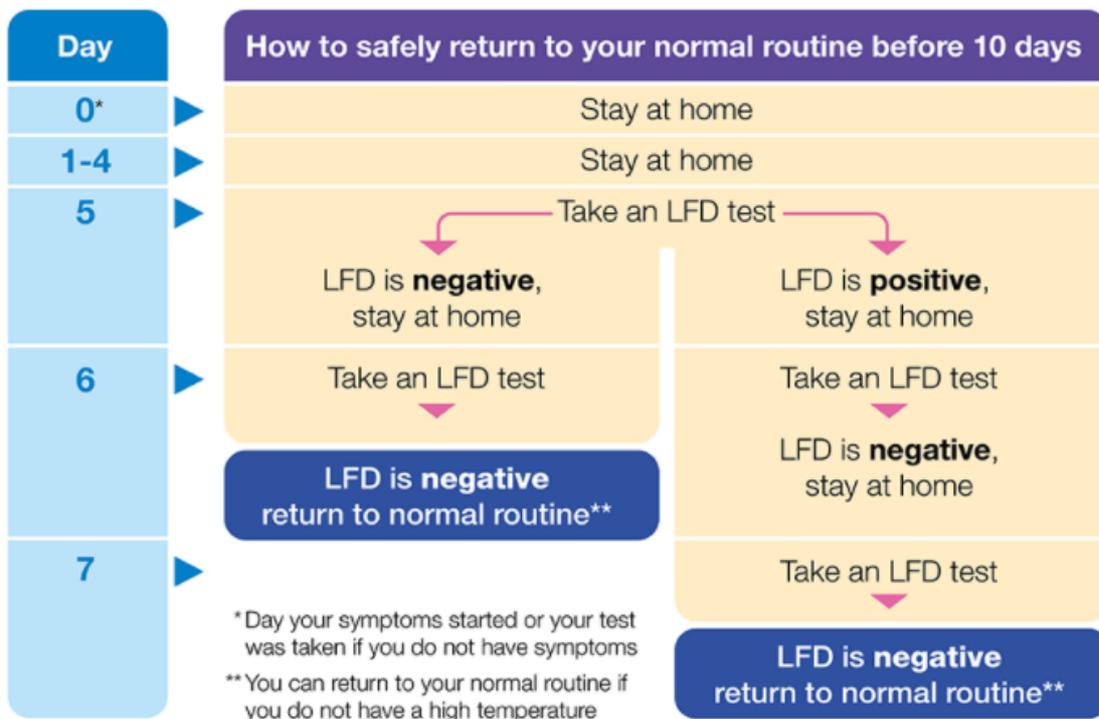
Welcome back to the next half term, we hope that you have had a lovely break. Following the Prime Minister's announcement regarding the removal of measures put in place during the COVID-19 pandemic, we thought it would be helpful to outline the expectations and processes at school.

Routine, twice-weekly testing for staff and students is no longer recommended. As such, King Edward VI School will no longer be receiving lateral flow testing kits to hand out to students. We do have a small stock of tests remaining which can be collected from student reception until they run out. Alternatively you can order them online [Order coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow tests - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-covid-19-rapid-lateral-flow-tests)

From 24 February, the Government removed the **legal** requirement to self-isolate following a positive test. In addition, the Government will no longer ask fully vaccinated close contacts and those aged under 18 to test daily for 7 days and routine contact tracing will end. Although the legal requirement has been removed the Public Health England advice is still to isolate following a positive test.

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

How to safely return to your normal routine before 10 days



King Edward VI School will be following this Public Health guidance. ***If your child has any of the main symptoms (temperature, loss of taste/smell or persistent cough) the public health advice remains unchanged.*** You should order a test and are advised to stay at home while waiting for the result.

If your child is a contact of a confirmed positive case, they can attend school as usual.

Thank you for your continued support



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