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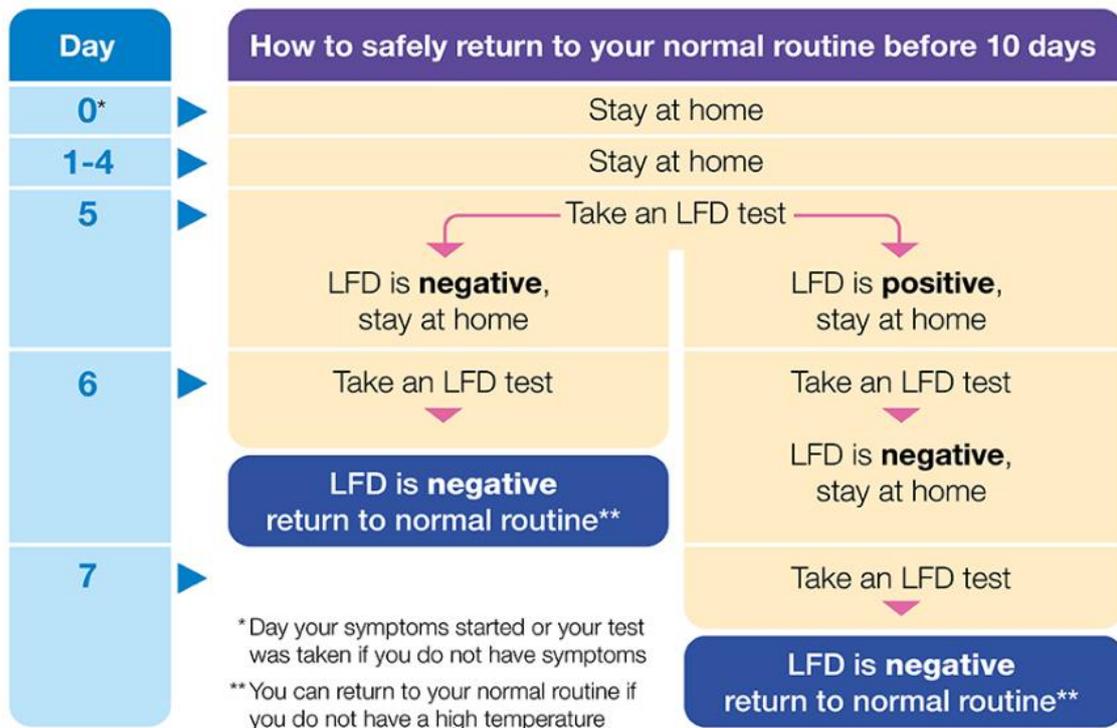
Dear Parents/Carers,

Following a review of our current COVID risk assessment at yesterday's Full Governor Body meeting, please see below updated guidance.

The guidance is public health advice and is endorsed by the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) and the DfE. Our risk assessment is required by Health and Safety law. Please see the main points summarised below and how this will affect your child attending school:

Should you child develop symptoms of COVID-19, **you should order a PCR test and keep your child at home while you await the result.**

- Guidance states that 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. These symptoms can also be linked to other illnesses so it is important to be vigilant.
- People with COVID-19 can infect other people from 2 days before their symptoms start, and for up to 10 days after. Infection can be passed to others, even if you have mild symptoms or no symptoms at all.
- Children with COVID-19 should self-isolate for 10 days from the onset of symptoms or the day the test was taken if they had no symptoms. **Should you wish your child to leave isolation before 10 days, please follow the guidance below:**



- Please note that Day Zero is the day your child's symptoms started or the positive test date.
- Many people continue to test positive until Day 10 or beyond. Please do not be surprised if this is the case. **Your child should isolate for 10 days or until they have received x2 consecutive negative lateral flow test results 24 hours apart, starting from Day 5.**
- **Photographic evidence of the x2 negative lateral flow test results should be labelled with the date of the test and your child's name and emailed to office@holytrinitypri.dorset.sch.uk**
- **Your child will not be permitted entry into school before Day 11 without this evidence.**
- We will continue to notify you if a member of your child's class or a close contact of your child tests positive so that you can be vigilant for symptoms and decide whether you want to test them.
- If a member of your child's household has COVID-19, they are at the highest risk of becoming infected. We ask that you notify the school office for advice.

Children who contract COVID-19 usually have a mild illness or no symptoms at all. For others, sometimes those with weakened immune systems or long-term health conditions, COVID-19 can be more serious. Our school community is filled with staff and children with a wide variety of health issues. Whilst you may not be aware of these, some of these people are at higher risk of becoming seriously unwell. It is for this reason that we ask you to work with us to support our risk assessment to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,



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