

COVID-19: outbreak management contingency plan Feb 24th 2022



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1. Introduction

On 21 February the Prime Minister set out the next phase of the Government's COVID19 response. COVID-19 continues to be a virus that we learn to live with and the imperative to reduce the disruption to children and young people's education remains.

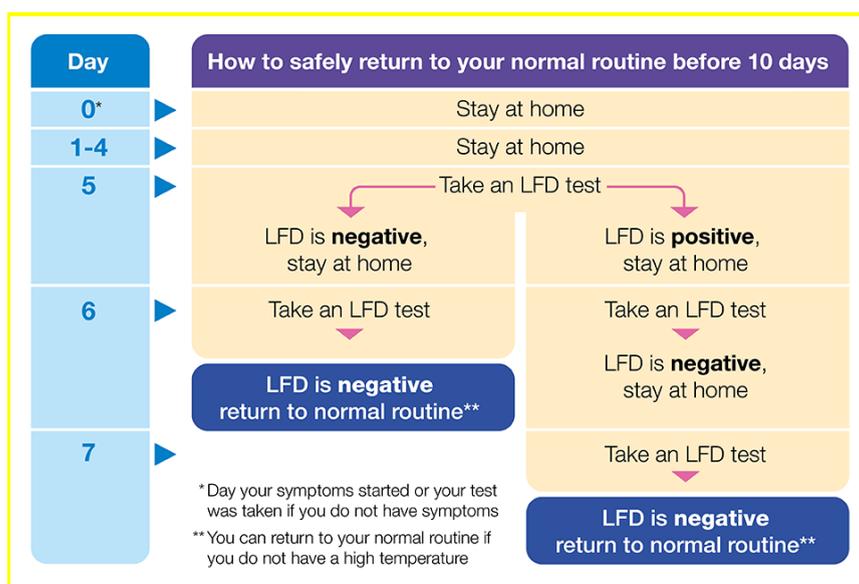
Our overall aim remains simple: keep school safely open for all children and adults.

We continue to employ the following infection control measures *as a matter of course*:

- Lateral Flow Testing of staff and regular professional visitors continues on a twice weekly basis with results reported to Tina Donovan **This will continue as long as test kits remain free and will be reviewed at the end of this term.**
- minimising contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that all those who have coronavirus symptoms access a PCR test and follow isolation rules (see diagram below)
- cleaning and sanitising hands
- ensuring good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach;
- cleaning frequently touched surfaces often
- ventilating all classrooms and internal areas throughout the day by keeping windows and doors open. In particularly cold weather we will ensure regular air exchanges take place while children are out for breaks and if necessary invite children to wear warmer layers in the classroom
- monitoring CO2 levels in each classroom daily with the DfE provided monitors

1.1 Changes to the self-isolation period for individuals who test positive for Covid 19

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. They should follow the guidance for their educational setting.



1.2. Changes to tracing close contacts (from 24th February 2022)

As of 24th February, contacts are no longer required to self-isolate or advised to take daily tests, and contact tracing has ended

1.3. Changes to confirmatory PCR testing

No follow up PCR tests required if you don't have symptoms and test positive with a LFD.

2. Seeking public health advice

If a significant outbreak occurs we will review the testing, hygiene and ventilation measures already in place.

We will also seek public health advice from a director of public health or health protection team. HELEN DRUMMOND will be responsible for seeking this advice.

Parents, carers, pupils and staff will be informed promptly about the introduction of any control measures. This will be done **via email with a text notification** once a decision has been made.

3. Remote Learning and attendance restrictions

If your child has tested positive for Covid 19 and is well enough to work at home - please contact your child's class teacher and they will provide work for them to complete.

4 Safeguarding

We will aim to have a trained Designated Safeguarding Lead or deputy DSL on site wherever possible.

When vulnerable pupils are absent, we will:

- Speak to parents/carers and, where applicable, social workers and the local authority, to work out the reason for absence
 - Encourage attendance
 - Make sure vulnerable pupils can access appropriate education and support while at home
 - Maintain contact, and check regularly that the pupil is able to access remote education provision
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