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Dear Parents and Carers,

Coronavirus Update February 2022

With the end of a legal requirement to self-isolate after a positive COVID test, we move to new territory. The virus is certainly still around and we can expect that it will continue to infect some of our students (and also our staff).

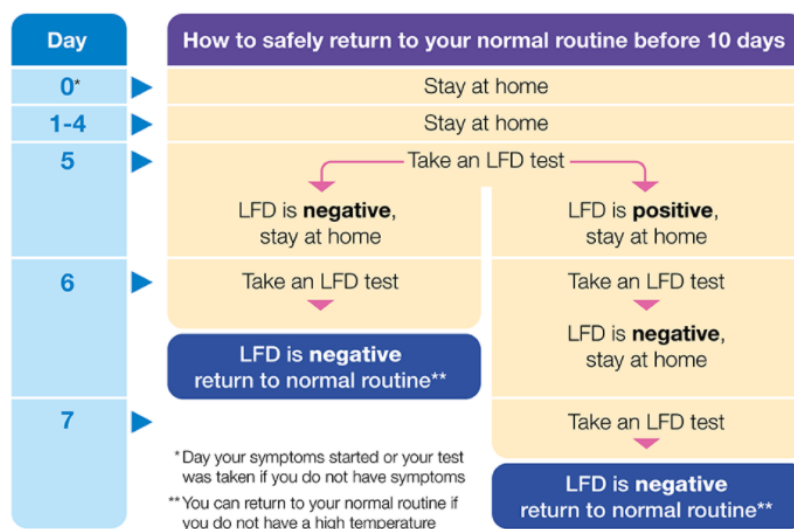
Here at the High School we shall continue our regime of additional cleaning and do all that we can to prioritise good ventilation. The government's expectation is that should our students have symptoms of COVID, they will follow the Government advice: COVID-19: people with COVID-19 and their contacts. This can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts>

That advice is:

1. To stay away from school while infectious.
2. To take a PCR test after symptoms begin and avoid contact with other people while waiting for the test result.
3. Take an LFD test each day until two successive days give a negative result. Only then return to school (see diagram below).

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.

In addition, please note:

4. Students are no longer expected to test routinely using the LFD test kits. However, we can provide some to parents of a student who needs to record two clear results before returning to school.
5. Please continue to let us know if COVID is the cause of your son or daughter's absence

With good wishes to you all for a half term in which we can all settle down to uninterrupted teaching.

Yours sincerely,



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