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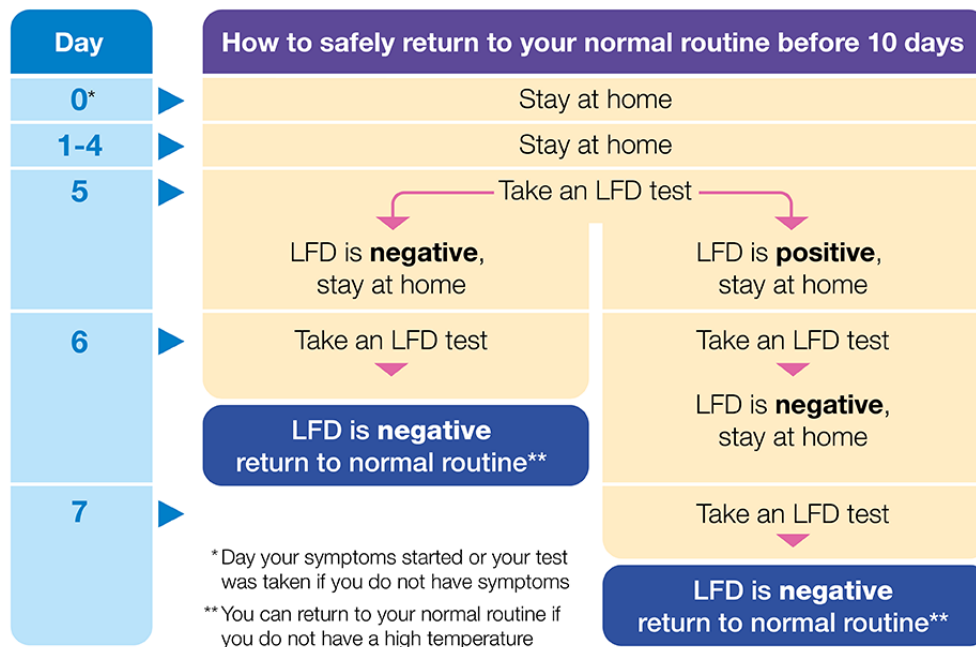
Dear Parent/Carer

Covid-19 Self Isolation and Lateral Flow Testing

As you will be aware, the rules around Covid self-isolation changed recently, with many of the legal restrictions being lifted. The latest Government guidance for schools is very clear and it states:

*'Children and young people with COVID-19 **should not attend their education setting while they are infectious**. They should take a lateral flow 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 of these test 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.'*

We will therefore expect all families to adhere to the above guidance for schools and we refer you to the helpful graphic below:





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This means that:

- Any student showing Covid symptoms should not attend school and not return until they have had 2 negative lateral flow tests on Days 5 and 6.
- Any asymptomatic child who tests positive at home on a lateral flow test should not attend school and not return until they have had 2 negative lateral flow tests on Days 5 and 6.
- Any child displaying Covid symptoms at school will be sent home (as we would for other illnesses) and should not attend should and not return until they have had 2 negative lateral flow tests on Days 5 and 6.
- The above will also apply to school staff.

A reminder that school attendance also remains compulsory for all school age children unless they are unwell, have Covid or have Covid symptoms.

Unfortunately schools are no longer able to order lateral flow test kits and we expect to exhaust our stocks within the next few days. Barnet Public Health advice is for families and staff to keep ordering lateral flow test kits via the Gov.uk online route in order to keep testing. The link for this website is:

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

Yours sincerely

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