



# Cranborne Middle School



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Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope everyone has had a good half term break and wanted to write to everyone with some important updates.

## **Covid-19 update:**

The guidance below was given during the half term break and we have outlined our response in continuing to keep children as safe as possible.

The Government's COVID-19 response focusses on learning to live with COVID-19, whilst balancing any disruption to the education of children and young people.

- From 24 February, the legal requirement to self-isolate has been removed. However, public health have confirmed that children who present with symptoms should continue to be tested and kept off school for at least 5 days. It is recommended that LFD tests are taken at day 5 and 6, with a child returning to school when two negative results 24 hours apart are obtained.
- If students have symptoms of COVID-19 (a new continuous cough, a high temperature or a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell) they should take a PCR test and should remain at home whilst awaiting the test result.
- From 21 February, regular asymptomatic testing in most education settings is not advised for both children and staff, and COVID-19 will be increasingly managed in line with other infectious diseases through public health guidance. We will be sending home one final box of LFD tests this week to all students.
- Although contacts or siblings of positive cases should not be asked to isolate, please monitor children carefully and test if you suspect COVID-19 or if symptoms appear.
- We will continue to ensure good hygiene for everyone, maintain appropriate cleaning regimes, keep occupied spaces well ventilated and follow public health advice as before.
- Face coverings are no longer advised for pupils, staff and visitors in classrooms and communal areas as well as on buses. All children and adults are still invited to wear a mask if they so wish.

Please see the attached flowchart that shows how to safely return to your normal routine before 10 days.

## **Staffing update:**

- Very sadly we are soon going to be saying goodbye to Mrs Spriggs. Having worked at the school for nearly 12 years, Mrs Spriggs initially joined us as a teaching assistant before undertaking the roles of higher level teaching assistant, cover supervisor and more recently an integral part of the maths teaching team. Mrs Spriggs has also been fiercely competitive and year after year managed to always get the best out of all children she has worked with installing her 'can do' attitude to every task. This year however Mrs Spriggs has decided to explore other avenues away from education and will be officially leaving us during this month.

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I would like to thank her for everything she has done in her time at the school and to wish her all of the best for the future. We will really miss her. Mrs Panagiotidis will continue to teach Mrs Spriggs' maths lessons and Mrs Wyatt will continue to be the tutor for 5SS.

- We are very pleased to welcome two new members of staff to the school. Mr Newton has joined us as our new IT technician. Having had a career in the IT industry and more recently having worked at St Edwards School and for the RNLI, we are excited to welcome him to our school. We also welcome Mr Palmer to our team of teaching assistants. Initially, Mr Palmer will be with us through to the end of the school year.

## Works update:

- Those who have been up to school recently will have noticed that we now have a large amount of scaffolding in place and a number of contractors on site working on our decarbonisation improvements. Most of the radiators have been upgraded during the half term holiday and we are expecting to see the solar panels installed in the next week or so.
- We have also started to see work on the refurbishment of the mobile classrooms. Although work has only been ongoing for one week, there has been considerable progress made and it will be very exciting when it is all completed.

It has been great to see attendance on the increase as we have welcomed everyone back from the break and we look forward to another positive half term ahead.

Yours sincerely,

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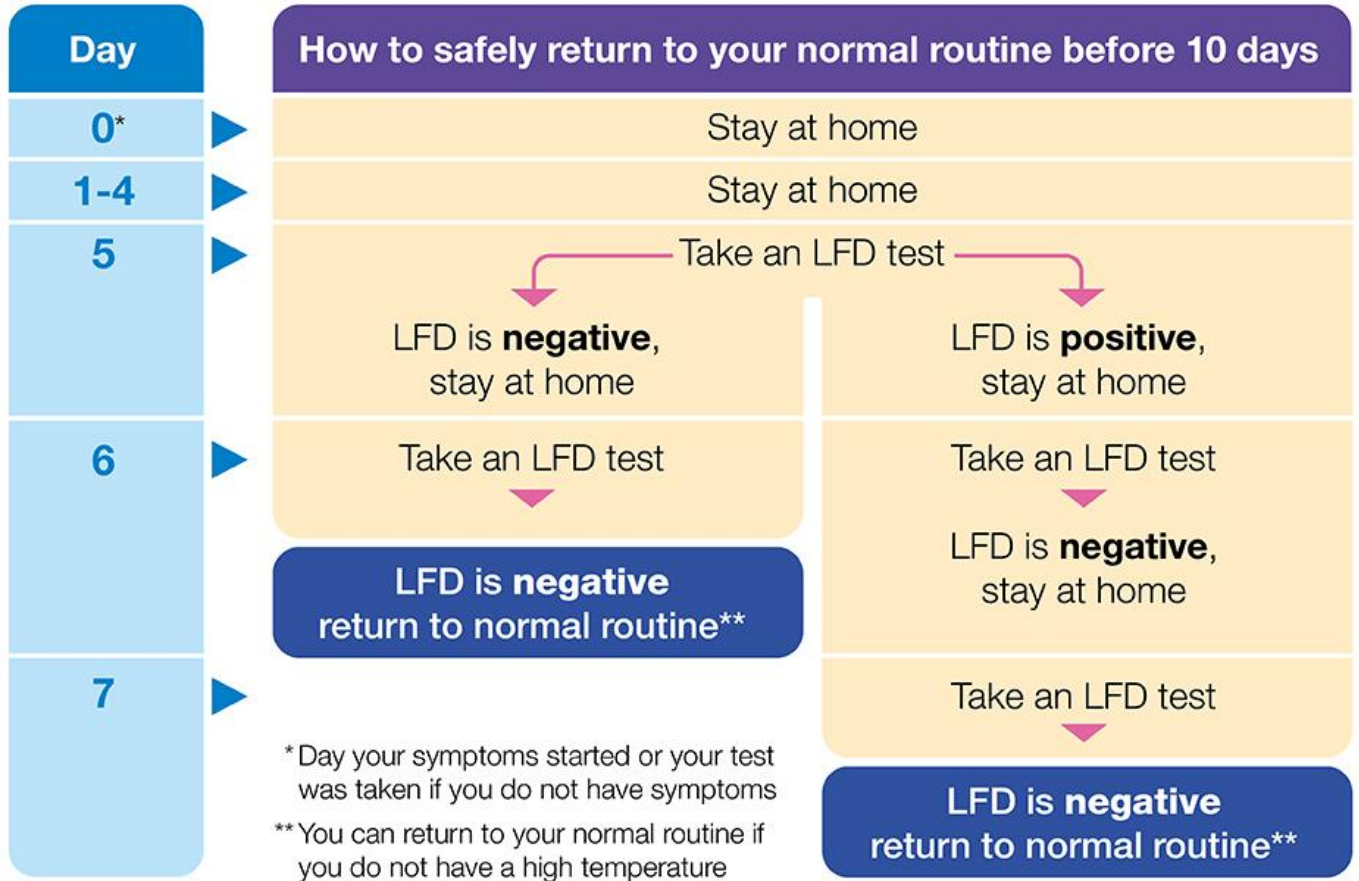


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