Kesteven & Grantham Girls' School
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*An Outstanding Selective Academy*
Headteacher: Mr J Fuller

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Dear Parents and Students,

I am writing at this time to update all parents and students regarding the new operational guidance for schools that came into effect last week.

If you would like further details, the latest Covid-19 operational guidance for schools can be accessed here

**In summary**

***Face coverings*** *are no longer advised for pupils, staff and visitors in classrooms or communal areas.* If students do wish to continue to wear face coverings, then they are free to do so.
If a pupil or staff member develops **symptoms** or has had a **positive test result**, then they should remain at home and follow the national guidance. People living with Covid-19 and their contacts

The main symptoms of COVID-19 are a recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

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. Any of these symptoms may also have another cause.

Pupils should return to school as soon as they can, in line with the guidance for People living with Covid-19 and their contacts. This can be accessed via the link above.

Staff and pupils in mainstream secondary schools are now **not expected** to continue taking part in regular **asymptomatic testing**. If a pupil or staff member does display symptoms, they should book in a PCR test and isolate until the result is received. Further information on this can be accessed here

As a result of the new operational guidance, we will no longer be receiving deliveries of lateral flow device tests however you are still able to obtain these from local chemists if required.

Pupils who are required to self-isolate will continue to be able to access **remote education**.

Should a parent or carer insist on a pupil attending KGGS where they have a confirmed or suspected case of Covid-19, we will as a school refuse to accept them in order to protect other pupils and staff from possible infection with Covid-19. Please can we ask for your support regarding this matter.

At the end of this letter is a flow chart summarising when a student can return to school should they test positive for Covid-19.

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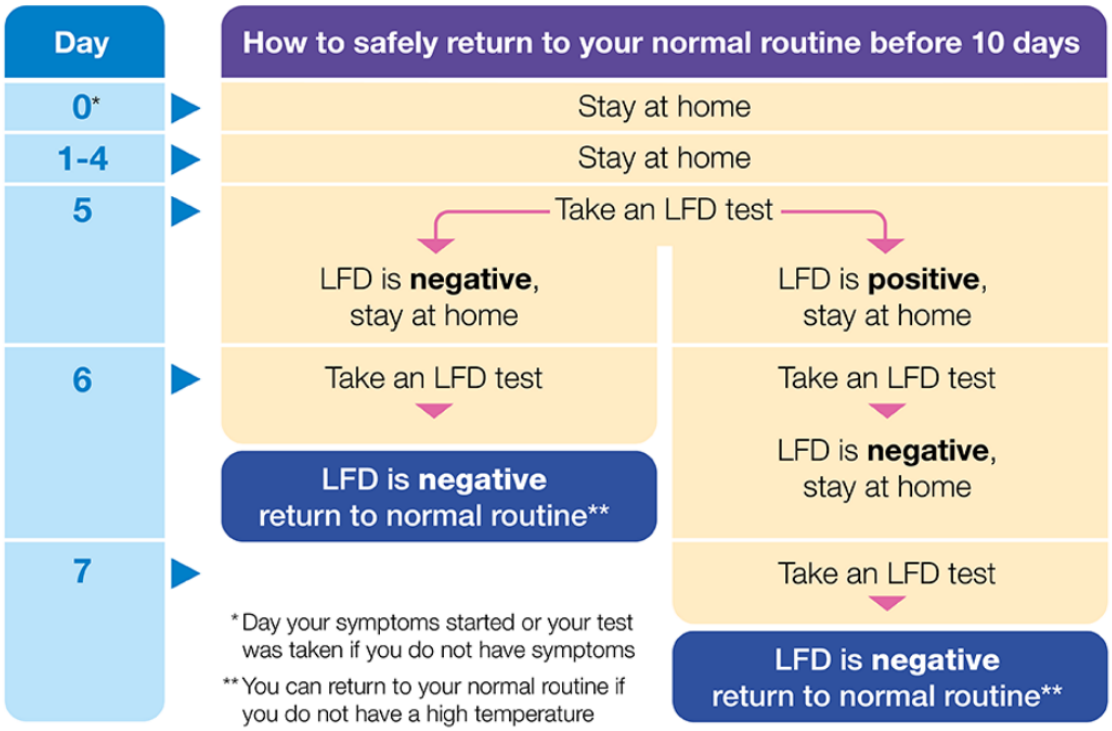
Thank you for your continued support in ensuring we continue to adhere to the national guidance in managing Covid-19 at KGGS.

Kind regards

James Fuller
Headteacher

**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.

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.