



RC/JAE

18 March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Return to Full Timetable – Monday 21 March 2022

Thank you for your support with the shortened day programme this week. This was caused by a high number of COVID-19 infections, especially amongst key staff.

In total this week, we have recorded nearly 50 positive student cases and over 10 positive staff cases. This has impacted on our ability to cover all teaching periods adequately. Additional work has been added to ClassCharts to support sustained learning and, where clusters of infections have been identified, groups of students have been tested regularly with Lateral Flow Tests. Additional test kits have now arrived and are available from Student Reception for student collection at the end of the school day.

Our intention is to return to a full school timetable from Monday 21 March 2022. All students should attend school as normal before 8.45 am fully equipped and ready to learn.

Please see below the latest DfE guidance.

Department for Education Advice – Updated 14 March 2022

If you have COVID-19, stay at home and avoid contact with other people.


- If you have COVID-19, you can infect other people from 2 days before your symptoms start, and for up to 10 days after.
- Many people will no longer be infectious to others after 5 days.
- You may choose to take a LFD test from 5 days after your symptoms started (or the day your test was taken if you did not have symptoms), followed by another LFD test the next day.
- If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, the risk that you are still infectious is much lower and you can safely return to your normal routine.
- [Report your LFD test results](#) after taking each test.

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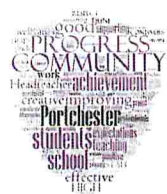
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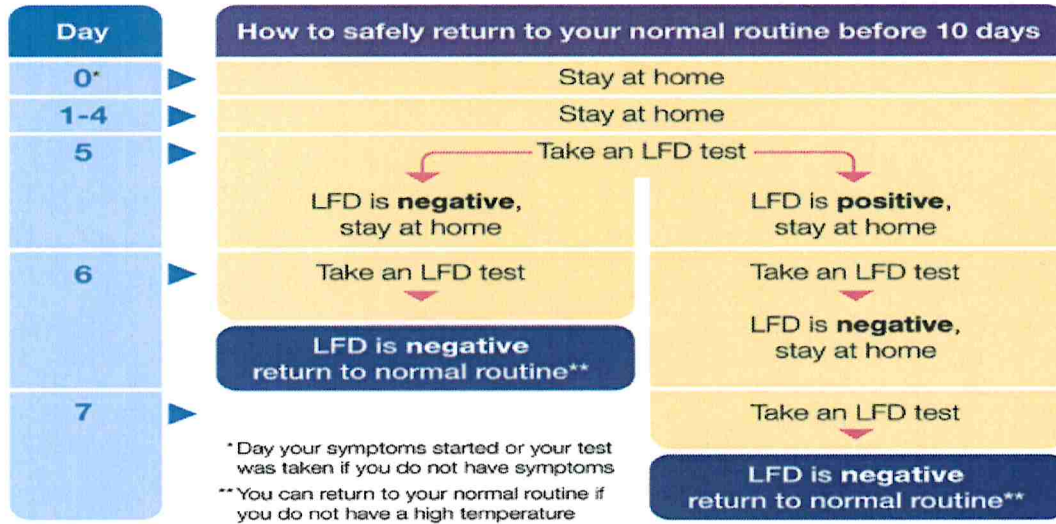
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How to safely return to your normal routine before 10 days



Thank you in advance for your sustained support.

Yours sincerely

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