



An Ashmole Academy Trust School

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UPDATED COVID GUIDANCE – FEBRUARY 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know, the rules around Covid self-isolation changed yesterday, with many of the legal restrictions being lifted. However, the latest Government guidance for schools is very clear and says:

*'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 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.'*

Ashmole Primary School will be running with this guidance which will be reviewed at the end of March (also see the diagram below):

- *Any child 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 school and not return until they have had 2 negative lateral flow tests on Days 5 and 6.*
- *The above guidance will be the same for Ashmole Primary staff.*

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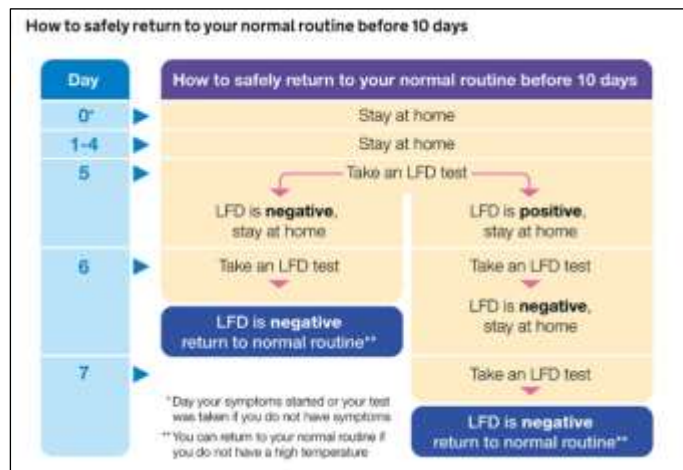
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School attendance also remains compulsory for all school age children unless they are unwell, have Covid or have Covid symptoms.

For now, Barnet Public Health advice is also for families and staff to keep ordering lateral flow test kits via the Gov.uk online route in order to keep testing. Here's the link to this:

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



Yours sincerely

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