

21 March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Partial Closures: Week beginning 21 March 2022

Unfortunately, over the weekend, the confirmed cases of Covid in staff and students has continued to rise. We now have 17 members of staff absent from school with Covid. As I am sure you understand this creates an immense issue in school as we cannot staff the required timetabled lessons. Therefore, in order to safely open the school, we need to implement a rolling programme of partial school closure as follows:

Monday 21 March – Year 10 to stay at home and move to remote learning

Tuesday 22 March – Year 7 and 8 to stay at home and move to remote learning

Wednesday 23 March – Year 9 to stay at home and move to remote learning

Thursday 24 March – Year 10 to stay at home and move to remote learning

Please note, all other year groups should continue to come to school. We will assess the situation every day and update you if there are any changes to this schedule.

We can only apologise for the inconvenience that we know this will undoubtedly cause.

Remote Learning

Students will be set work on Satchel One to complete at home. They should follow their timetable and complete the work set by their teachers. Teachers will not be able to deliver live lessons as they will be covering other lessons in school.

Contingency measures

Following contact with Public Health Wiltshire, we have been advised to reinstate the following contingency measures to help reduce any further spread of infection:

- Recommend that staff and students wear masks in communal areas and in classrooms.
- Move to virtual assemblies and meetings
- Risk assess any trips in line with covid procedures
- Keep rooms ventilated and make sanitation gels available to students

The school has a very limited supply of masks so I would ask you to provide your child with one please.

Because we have reached this threshold, we have been able to order some more testing kits which should arrive in 2 - 3 days for distribution to students.

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As a reminder, here is a summary of the latest guidance and how it relates to school:

What to do if your child has symptoms or tests positive for Covid.

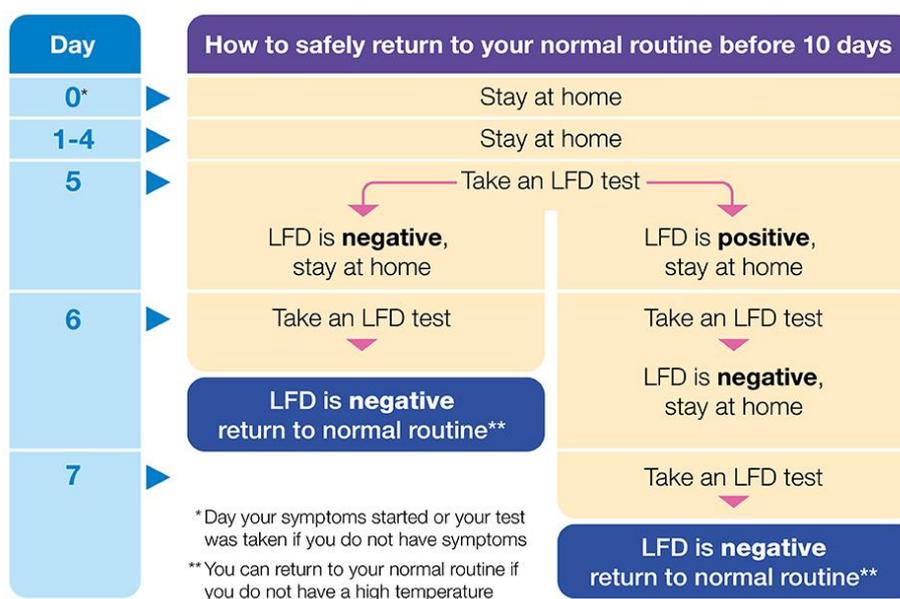
There is no longer a legal requirement for people with coronavirus (COVID-19) infection to self-isolate, however if your child has any of the main symptoms of COVID-19 or a positive test result, **the public health advice is to stay at home and avoid contact with other people.**

Essentially the legal requirement has been lifted but I would please ask that you do not send any child to school who is experiencing symptoms or has tested positive.

The guidance for schools also stipulates that:

In most cases, parents and carers will agree that a pupil with the key symptoms of COVID-19 should not attend the school, given the potential risk to others. If a parent or carer insists on a pupil attending your school where they have a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19, you can take the decision to refuse the pupil if, in your reasonable judgement, it is necessary to protect other pupils and staff from possible infection with COVID-19.

Please see the flow-chart below for a summary of when to safely return to school



Pupils and staff should return to school as soon as they can, in line with guidance for People with COVID-19 and their contacts. (See the flow chart above.)

Thank you for your support with following this guidance. If you have any specific questions, please direct them to: enquiry@bradonforest.wilts.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

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