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*Aim High*

*Never Give Up*

*Follow Your Dream*

*Lead By Example*

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome Back!

We very much look forward to welcoming our children into school next week, on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021**. All our doors will open at 8.45am and close at 8.55am each day, with the end of school being a 3.15pm finish.

As per government guidelines, many restrictions have been relaxed and we will work in a more 'normal' way, reflective of pre-Covid times. However, to ensure the safety of all of our community, we will continue to keep certain elements and requirements – these are outlined below.

- Regular hand washing throughout the day
- Good ventilation in all occupied areas of school
- High quality cleaning of areas throughout the day
- Outdoor learning wherever possible
- Monitoring of CO<sub>2</sub> levels (when the equipment is delivered by the DfE)
- No access to the school building for our parents/carers without a booked appointment
- One family in the school foyer at any time
- Face masks to be worn when entering the school foyer (by appointment only)

When children return on Monday, we look forward to delivering a settled start to the academic year.

Please can the children arrive on time and in full school uniform. P.E. kits should be brought into school each Monday and returned home on a Friday for washing – P.E. days may change on a weekly basis, so the kit needs to be in school every day.

Please feel free to use whichever entrance/exit gate is the best access for you, as we have lifted restriction on this.

We hope that the new way of working will continue to keep us safe, however should circumstances change and cases of Covid-19 impact on school, we will have to review our practice and bring in further measures – for example:

- Children back into their 'bubbles'
- Adaptation to the access to school site
- Staggered school day timings

We have again attached the flowchart for your guidance on suspected or confirmed cases of Covid-19 in a child/young person and to remind our parents/carers that lateral flow tests should not be carried out on children of primary age but are instead intended for secondary pupils and adults.

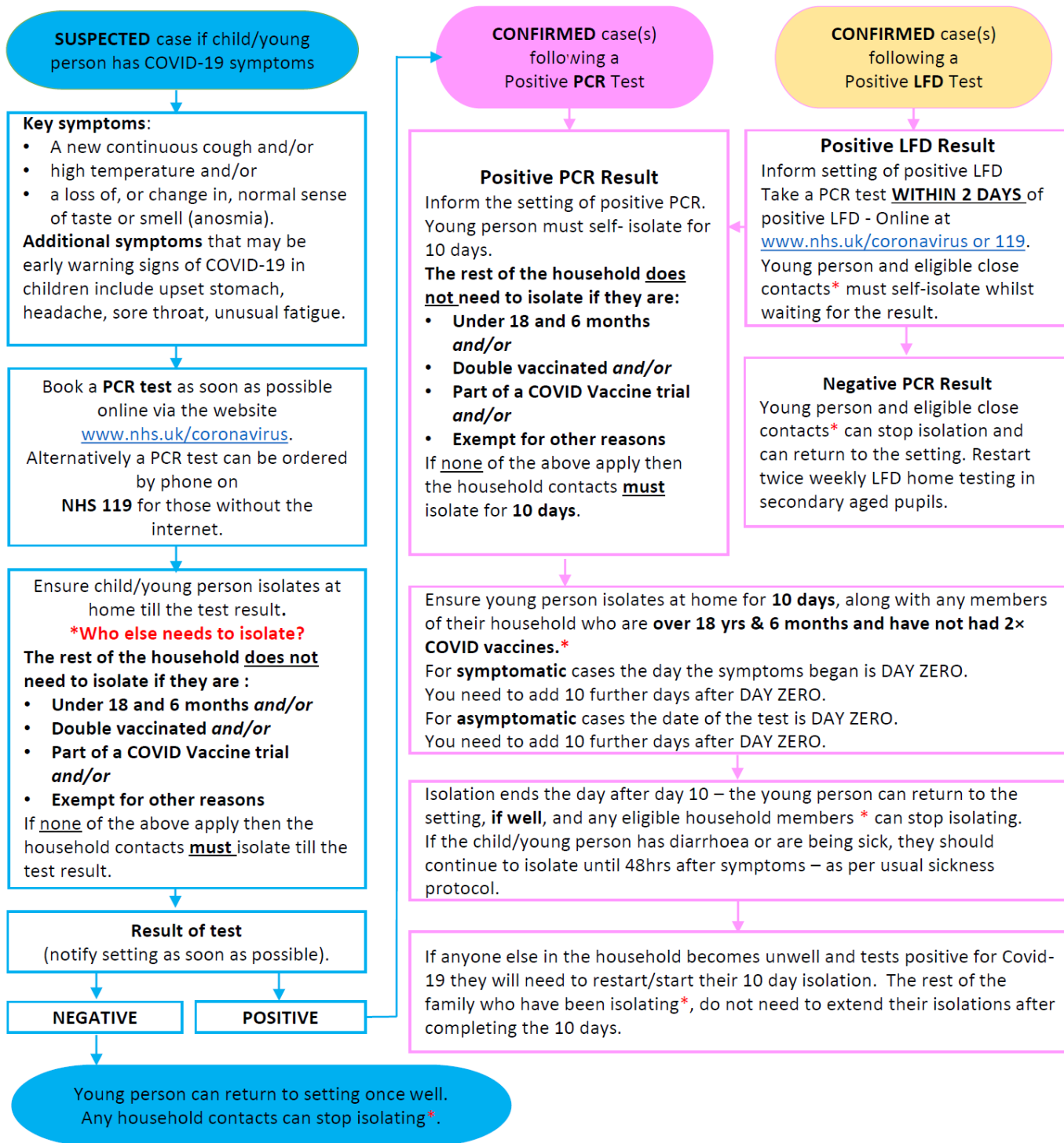
Yours sincerely

Mrs D Reynolds  
Head Teacher



## COVID-19 Guidance for Parents/Carers from 16<sup>th</sup> August 2021

For any **SUSPECTED** or **CONFIRMED** case of COVID-19 in a child/young person please follow the flow chart below



- We continue to ask families/children to wash hands regularly, keep spaces well ventilated, wear face covering in crowded, public indoor areas.
- Face covering are to be worn on transport to and from educational settings.
- LFD test = Lateral Flow Device tests are rapid tests that can be used at home and the result is available after 30 minutes.
- PCR test = polymerase chain reaction test that can be booked online and is sent to a lab for the result.
- If you have recently (within 90 days) had a positive PCR test for COVID-19 you are exempt from testing by both PCR and LFD within 90 days of a positive PCR test result, unless you develop new symptoms.
- LFD tests are used for identifying Covid-19 infection where there are no symptoms. If you have symptoms book a PCR test.
- LFD tests are safe to use in pregnancy. They should not be used in children under 12 years (unless in secondary school).
- If you have had a COVID-19 vaccination you should still take part in the LFD testing as you may still transmit the virus.
- If you have been identified as a close contact \* of a positive case, a negative LFD test does not mean you can stop isolating unless part of a workplace scheme.
- If you have had a recent nosebleed, or have a nose piercing use the other nostril to swab for the LFD test.