

## Radley CE Primary School & Foundation Stage Unit

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Dear Parents/guardians,

We are writing to inform you that the school has **several positive COVID-19 cases** in Cherwell Class and Isis Class. The school remains open, and your child should continue to attend as normal if they remain well. All students and staff, regardless of year group, should remain vigilant regarding COVID-19.

### **If your child is unwell**

Please do not send your child to school if they have a temperature or are unwell at all. This is for the safety of everybody. If your child becomes ill whilst at school, you will be asked to collect them immediately. Please ensure that contact details are up to date with the office of another person who can collect your child.

If they display symptoms of COVID-19 they will be isolated until you arrive. You should then make arrangements for them to be tested, using a PCR or LFD. School should be informed of the result as soon as possible. A positive result will mean that the child will need to isolate for up to 10 days, following the latest NHS [guidance](#) and [Government self-isolation advice](#). Currently, if your child is unwell with other symptoms you can LFD test them and should this be positive you do not need to go for a PCR but may choose to. Your child should self-isolate in this case for up to 10 days, or in line with the guidance previously sent out.

*Please note: OCC have advised us that we can refuse a pupil entry to school if they have a suspected case of COVID-19, if in our reasonable judgement, it is necessary to protect other pupils and staff from possible infection.*

### **Know the symptoms of Covid-19**

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

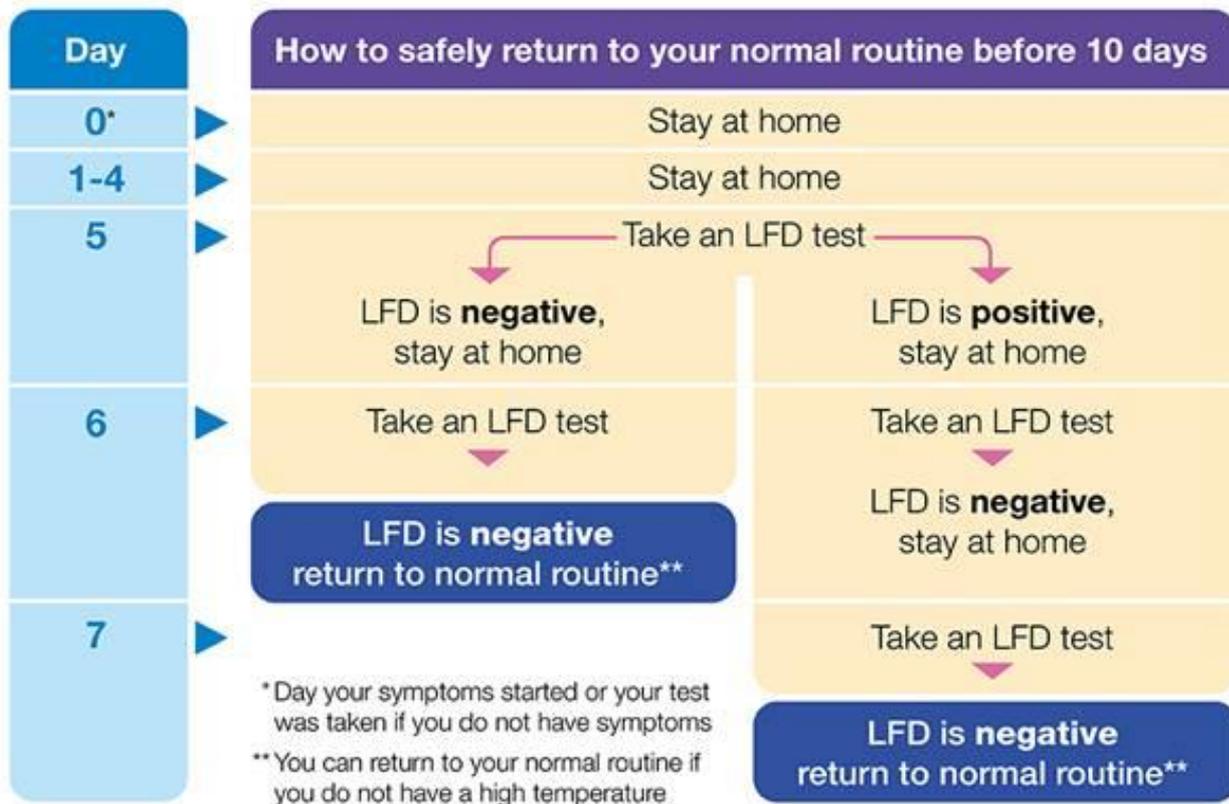
- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

Other symptoms linked with COVID-19 include shortness of breath, fatigue, loss of appetite, muscle aches, sore throat, headache, stuffy or runny nose, diarrhoea, nausea and vomiting. Any of these symptoms may also have another cause.

### **Isolation**

The guidance indicates that whilst the law has changed, the directives for public safety remain. We will follow this guidance, so isolation continues to be up to 10 days, unless you have 2 negative tests on day 5 and 6, 24 hours apart. Isolation will finish after day 5 at the earliest if you test first thing in the morning on day 5 and 6. *'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 test 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.'*

Please continue to liaise with the school office about your child's return date after testing positive, given our school protocols. We will review this as and when the guidance is further updated. It is very important that these isolation procedures are followed by staff and children so that the risk of transmission is kept to a minimum. We have been very fortunate not to have many serious cases amongst staff and children, however, some of our staff who have tested positive have experienced severe enough symptoms to be unable to work for at least a week. If we increase the risk of infection further by allowing children and staff into school whilst still possibly infectious, we increase the risk of further staff absences. The outcome could be not being able to teach classes or set remote learning effectively, cancellation of trips, clubs, residential etc as we would be unable to staff them.



### Close contact changes

The new guidance has brought an end routine contact tracing. Close contacts will no longer be required to self-isolate or advised to take daily LFD tests for 7 days. Staff, children and young people should attend their education settings as usual.

*'Children and young people who usually attend an education or childcare setting and who live with someone who has COVID-19 should continue to attend the setting as normal'.*

### How to stop coronavirus (COVID-19) spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with coronavirus (COVID-19): Coronavirus: how to stay safe and help prevent the spread - GOV.UK ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk))

- Get vaccinated – everyone aged 12 and over are eligible – see Coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccination - NHS ([www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)) for more details and how to book.
- Wash your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitiser regularly throughout the day
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze and put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards
- Meet people outside and avoid crowded areas
- Open doors and windows to let in fresh air if meeting people inside
- Wear a face covering when it's hard to stay away from other people – particularly indoors or in crowded places

We thank you, as always, for your support. As ever, if you have any questions about any of the above please contact me [head.3238@radley-pri.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:head.3238@radley-pri.oxon.sch.uk)  
Yours sincerely

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