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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to you today to update you on recent changes to Government policy and to let you know what is expected now in regards to Covid-19, testing and isolation.

The three main symptoms of Covid-19 have never changed:

- new continuous cough
- fever (a temperature of 37.8°C or higher)
- loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If your child develops these symptoms, however mild, at any point, they must:

Isolate and **book a PCR test**; if the test returns positive they must undertake a period of isolation, however if they take an LFD test on day 5 and 6 of their isolation (the tests must be a minimum of 24 hours apart) and each test is negative they can return to school **on day 6** (as long as they are not displaying any symptoms). If on days 5 or 6 the test remains positive, they must remain in isolation until they have two negative LFD tests (i.e. on day 6 and 7, or day 7 and 8 and so on). If your child continues to test positive until day 10 then as long as he/she is well, with no temperature, they can return to school regardless of the result of an LFD test.

Please note that day 0 is classed as the first day of getting either symptoms or a positive LFD test result.

The main change you will be aware of now is that if someone tests positive on an LFD **without symptoms**, they do not need a confirmatory PCR test. PCR tests should **only be booked if your child has any of the above symptoms**.

If your child is asymptomatic but tests positive on an LFD, they do not need a PCR test but must still undertake a period of isolation.

They must isolate for a maximum of 10 days, however if they take an LFD test on day 5 and 6 of their isolation (the tests must be a minimum of 24 hours apart) and each test is negative they can return to school **on day 6** (as long as they are not displaying any symptoms). If on days 5 or 6 the test remains positive, they must remain in isolation until they have two negative LFD tests (i.e. on day 6 and day 7, or day 7 and day 8 and so on). If your child continues to test positive until day 10 then as long as he/she is well, with no temperature, they can return to school regardless of the result of an LFD test.

Please note that day 0 is classed as the first full day of getting either symptoms or a positive LFD test result.

We do ask that you please monitor your child's health at this time, looking out for any potential symptoms.





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If you do need to seek medical advice:

- Seek prompt medical attention if the illness is worsening. If it's not an emergency, contact NHS 111 online
- If you have no internet access, you should call NHS 111
- If it is an emergency and you need to call an ambulance, dial 999 and inform the call handler or operator that you have Coronavirus (COVID-19)

We would recommend that all families consider twice weekly home LFD testing to support the community in keeping infection rates low in Knowsley. To order LFD tests for delivery to your home or to find your nearest community collect or assisted testing site please click on the link below:

<https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>

Yours sincerely,

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