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R.E. Covid Update: 'Living with Covid'

Dear Parents,

As you are aware National Guidance around COVID has changed. We are now moving towards a state of 'Living with Covid'. Schools' latest updates have now been released and there are some subtle changes around **if your child develops COVID-19 symptoms or has a positive test**. Before April 1st I am envisaging more updates around how schools operate for confirmed or symptomatic Covid cases. When these are released I will update you all with our procedures for keeping children and staff safe. Until then please read the below.

1. If your child has any of the main symptoms [temperature, persistent new cough, loss of taste/smell] you are RECOMMENDED to stay at home and arrange for a PCR test.
2. If your child develops Covid symptoms whilst in school, then we will insist you come to collect your child asap. We will RECOMMEND you book a PCR test.
3. If you have Covid or Covid symptoms and your child is symptom free but you are worried about how to get your child into school, we then ask that you phone or email the school and we can talk through how this can work for each case.

Note: The word 'RECOMMENDED' leaves a lot to peoples interpretation therefore the latest schools' guidance issued from the Government has continued to grant school leaders the ability to refuse a child with Covid symptoms or a child who has tested positive for Covid.

If your child has Covid symptoms you have two options:

1. Book a PCR test
 - a. If the PCR returns **negative** and your child is well-enough, they may return to school immediately.
 - b. If the PCR returns **positive**, then your child is recommended to stay at home and should begin LFD testing on day 5; if your child then has two consecutive negatives and no temperature then they may return to school before the 10 days finishes.
2. Decide not to book a PCR test
 - a. Your child will need to remain at home for 10 days from onset of symptoms.

The previous diagram on page 2 is unchanged for schools and may I ask that parents continue to email/phone the admin team (admin@swindonvillage.gloucs.sch.uk) if your child has **Covid symptoms** or has confirmed **Covid** at the moment.

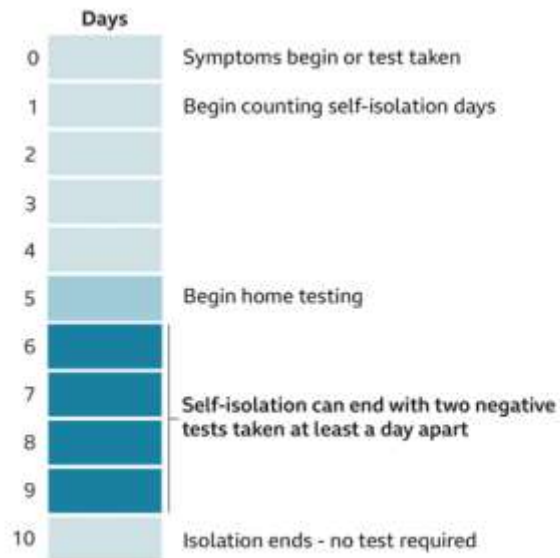
Many thanks

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Mr. Mills, Head Teacher

Learning from each other – achieving together

How five-day isolation rule works in England



Source: NHS

