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### **COVID 19 – How to return to school safely**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As I am sure you are aware, the UK is currently seeing a rise in coronavirus cases, and here at KACP we are no exception.

Following on from my letter on the 7<sup>th</sup> March, I would like to share with our families the guidance from the government around how your child can return to school safely after having a confirmed case of COVID-19. This information is taken from the guidance document [COVID-19: people with COVID-19 and their contacts](#) which was updated on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

***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 tests 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.***

So to summarise, if your child tests positive for COVID-19 on an LFT, they should:

- Not attend school while they are infectious
- Take an LFD test from day 5
- After 2 negative LFD tests they can return to school
- They should return to school only if they are well enough and do not have a temperature

We have also taken the decision as a school to begin contacting families again if there is a positive case in their child's class so that you are able to be vigilant. Although your child will be expected to continue attending school, you will need to pay close attention to the main symptoms of COVID-19:

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

Other symptoms are associated with COVID-19 but can have other causes, such as shortness of breath, fatigue, loss of appetite, muscle ache, sore throat, headache, stuffy or runny nose, diarrhoea, nausea and vomiting.

Many thanks

Mrs Carlyle

Headteacher