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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you may know, the UK Health Security Agency has been made aware of some areas reporting positive LFD (lateral flow device) test results with subsequent negative PCR tests and are currently looking into the cause.

We are aware that the current situation is making it difficult for parents to determine when their child should return to school, and would like to remind you of the following national guidance:

- If a child still feels unwell after a negative PCR test, they should stay at home until feeling better.
- Where a child tests negative via a PCR test but goes onto develop Covid-19 symptoms after the test, they should have another PCR test.

Please see the following for further information:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/main-symptoms/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/test-results/negative-test-result/>


Whilst the investigation is underway, where a child has the following markers, we advise that they are more likely to have Covid-19 than not, and are treated as potentially infectious for Covid-19. Where they...

1. Have displayed Covid-19 symptom/s AND/OR have been in close contact with a positive case (such as a household member), AND
2. Have tested positive via an LFD test (even if they subsequently tested negative on a PCR)

We recommend they isolate and remain out of the setting for 10 days. The isolation period includes the day symptoms started (or the day of the test, if the child had no symptoms) and the next 10 full days. It should be noted that this is advisory and as such parents are unable to claim the additional Covid payments without a positive PCR test result.

We will provide further information as and when it becomes available.

Kind regards,



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