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Dear parents / carers,

COVID-19 Update

We hope you and your families have had a restful break. We are excited to be able to welcome our community back safely over the next week. Before we broke up, the Government insisted that students should wear masks in communal areas within school. Please note that the guidance this has now extended to mask wearing in classrooms. With this in mind, please ensure your child arrives to school with a mask during their first day back this week unless they are medically exempt. Please see return dates below that were shared in December.

Coaching Group	Tuesday 04.01.2022 ALL STAFF INSET		Wednesday 05.01.2022			Thursday 06.01.2022		Friday 07.01.2022
	Year 12 13:30 – 14:30	Year 13 14:30 – 15:30	Year 7	Year 11, 12 and 13	SMART	Year 8	Year 10	Year 9

If your child shows any of the following COVID-19 symptoms:

- A persistent cough
- A high temperature
- A loss / change in their sense of taste or smell

Or if they test positive for COVID-19 on a lateral flow test (LFT) you should:

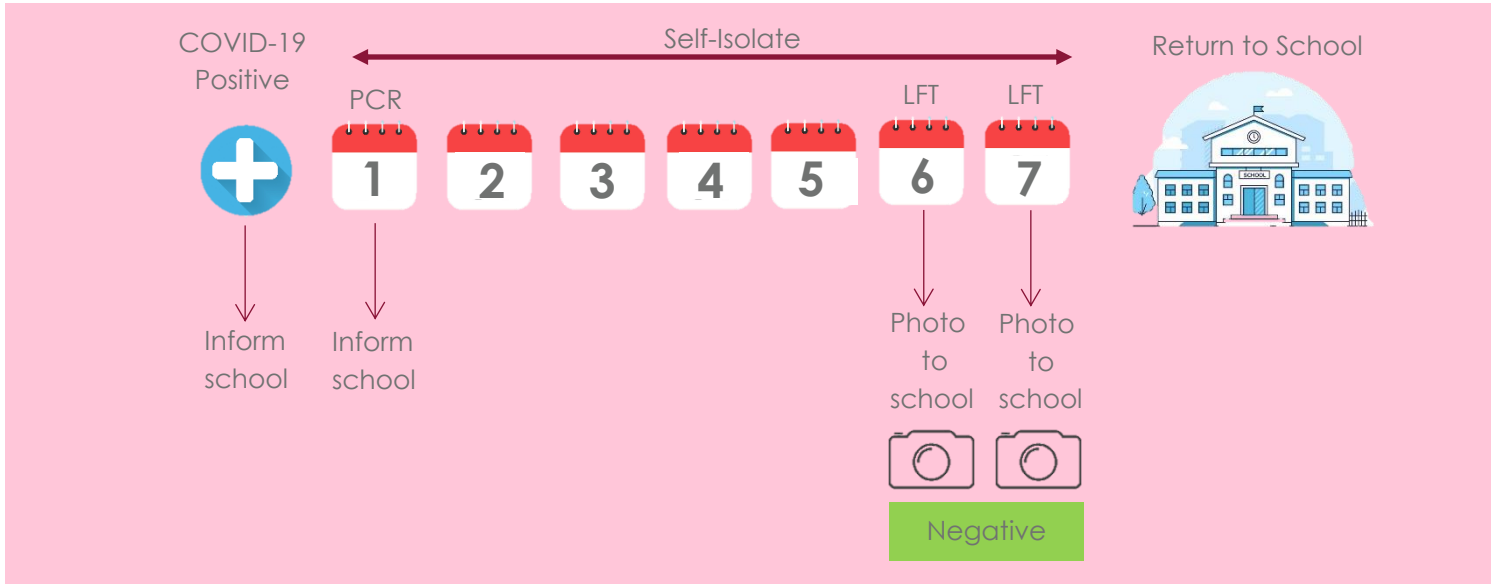
1. Book a PCR Test as soon as possible
2. Inform the school
3. Self-isolate for 7 days
 - On day 6 take a lateral flow test and email a picture of the result to Ms. Drewett
 - On day 7, take a lateral flow test and email a picture of the result to Ms. Drewett.

If the tests on day 6 and 7 are negative, your child can return to school.

If your child is unable to take the tests they should self-isolate for a total of 10 days.

If your child tests positive, continue to isolate and seek medical advice as required.





When informing school, please contact Ms. Drewett at DDrewett@stmarks.anthemtrust.uk