

FAQs

Do students have to wear uniform if they are just coming in for their test and then going straight home in the initial three days?

No, students who are walking to school for their LFD test may come in their own clothes as they will return straight home afterwards to await their result.

How will FSM work in the first week for those students not in school

With effect from 8th March, food during lunch and break will return to the usual offer and will be available from the Grub Hub and Gill's dining areas. For those students not returning to school until 9th/10th/11th March, FSM food parcels will be available to collect from the Main Reception between 11am and 1pm on Wednesday 10th March. Please contact the Main Reception on 01652 632576 or via admin.baysgarth@baysgarthschool.co.uk to request a parcel by **2.15pm on Friday 5th March.**

Do students who have had a positive case of Covid-19 within the last 90 days require a LFD test?

Yes

Will the children refusing to have LFD tests be sat separately in classrooms?

No. Classrooms have limited capacity and there is not space to separate out students. Students are subject to infection controls such as wearing masks, sanitising hands on entry and exit as well as wiping down all surfaces.

I am going to bring my child into school and not travel on the bus so they will come in with the students who are in an afternoon and then go home even though they do not live in Barton

All children who are transported in private transport will be in the afternoon sessions.

If I am shielding is my child still expected to return to school?

The government's guidance is clear that all children should be returning to school. We appreciate that this may cause additional concerns for you as a family and we would urge you to contact your child's Learning Manager to discuss this so we can get your child back into school with their friends as soon as possible.

If my child is going to have a test but then they are sitting in a classroom with students who have refused to have a test, surely this is not safe for my child and what options do I have not to send my child into school as my child suffers with asthma too and consider this to be a greater risk?

The Government's guidance is that a school cannot refuse entry to any student who refuses to have an LFD test so there will be children in school who have not been tested. The school continues to have high levels of infection control in place and we know these work successfully based on the cases in school in the autumn term, so we are assured of a level of safety for all children.

On the BBC news it made out it was compulsory for children to have a negative test before attending school?

All students have to have a negative result from their first LFD test before they can access face to face teaching if they have consented according to the Government guidance. If any child gets a positive result, they will have to follow the self-isolation guidance immediately.

If a parent refuses to consent for the LFD testing, they cannot be refused access to face to face teaching and should be integrated into face to face teaching with their peers.

Do students whose parents are critically ill and are having to self-isolate due to hospital chemo appointments have to be in school. Can we authorise these students' absence and set work online?

Yes. Government guidance is that schools are safe places to be and all students should attend unless they are having to shield in which case they will have received a letter stating they are designated as Extremely Clinically Vulnerable. Any family in a situation like this will already be in close and regular contact with school and we will be discussing this issue with you individually

Does my child have to wear a mask in classrooms?

Yes, unless they are exempt. You can find advice on who is exempt here: [Face coverings: when to wear one, exemptions, and how to make your own](#). In school, these students will wear a green pin badge to ensure they are not sanctioned by staff. Parents must complete an online exemption form by the end of the school day on Friday (2.15pm) which [can be found here](#) if their child is exempt from wearing a mask.

