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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you and your families enjoyed a restful break over the Christmas period.

We have been following government advice carefully since the beginning of the pandemic, and our continually updated risk assessment reflects this (our risk assessment can be found on the school website homepage). A copy of this letter is also available on the school website homepage for parents and carers to more easily access the weblinks.

With the current level of COVID in the community, it is likely that there will be staff capacity issues in the school. Please be assured that we are doing all we can to limit the impact of this. Despite our efforts it is highly likely that at some point in the next term your child may be taught by someone other than their normal teacher, or that the normal routine of the school will be subject to some last-minute adjustments.

If your child develops symptoms: a new continuous cough, a temperature, or a loss of taste/smell, then they must not attend school and must isolate, and you should arrange for a lateral flow test. If your child is otherwise unwell (for example, sore throat, headache, fatigue) then they are not required to isolate and should attend school if they are well enough to do so, but we would still encourage you to test them. **As of Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022, for those in education and childcare settings, it is not necessary to arrange for a confirmatory PCR test if a lateral flow test shows a positive result.**

Results of a lateral flow test should be registered online at <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>. **As schools are not undertaking contact tracing, it is important that you engage fully with *NHS Test and Trace* in order for close contacts to be identified and informed.**

A child or individual who tests positive is required to isolate for 10 full days, from the day on which their symptoms started (or on which they took the test, if they don't have any symptoms). However, now if they are negative on 2 lateral flow tests, taken at least 24 hours apart, beginning on day 6, and do not have a high temperature, then they can end isolation after the second negative lateral flow test result, and return to school on that day.

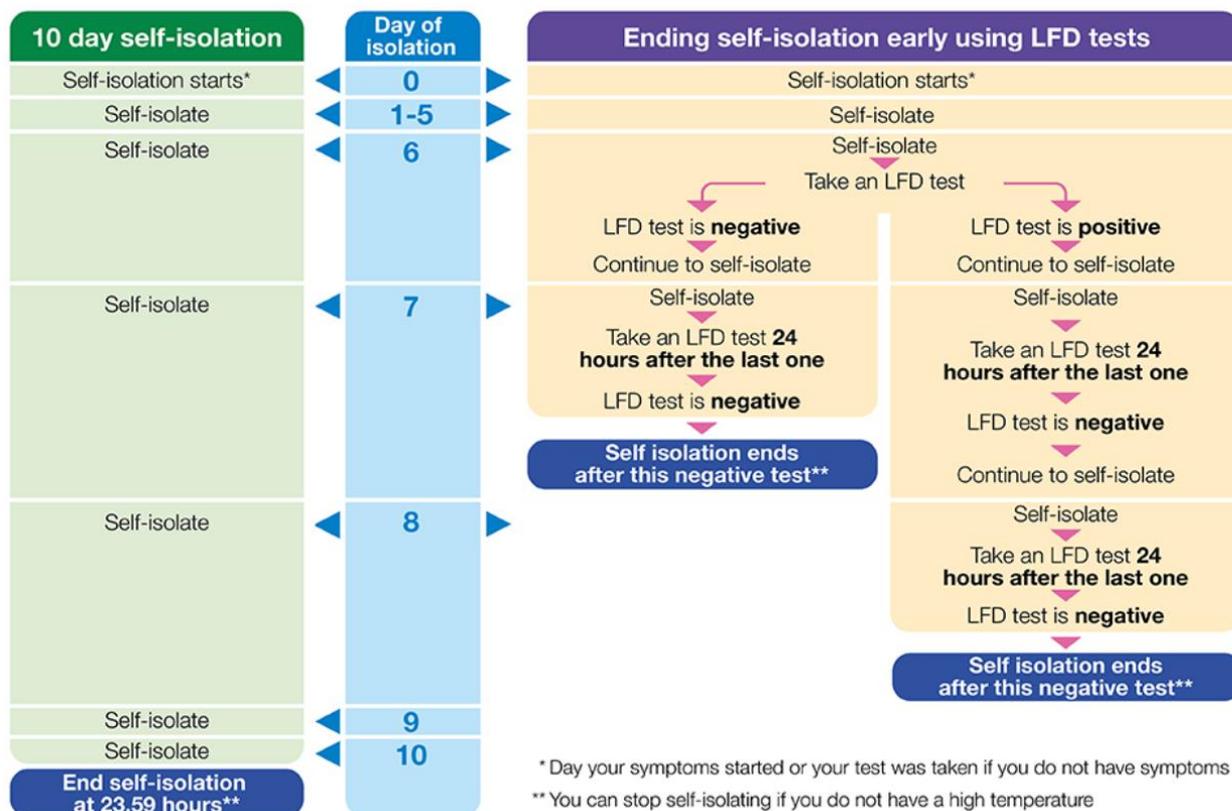


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The following diagram is taken from the GOV.UK website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>



*This means that if, for example, your symptoms started at any time on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month (or if you did not have symptoms but your first positive COVID-19 test was taken on the 15<sup>th</sup>), you may take daily LFD tests from the 21<sup>st</sup> of the month. If your LFD test results are negative on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your isolation period after the negative test result on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of the month.*

If your child is identified as having been in contact with someone with COVID, they will not be required to isolate, and should still attend school as normal. However, they should take a lateral flow test every day for seven days each morning before they come into school. They will be identified asked to do this by *NHS Test and Trace*. During this period, we also strongly suggest that they minimise social contact, especially with any vulnerable or elderly people, if possible.

Yours,

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