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Dear Parents/carers,

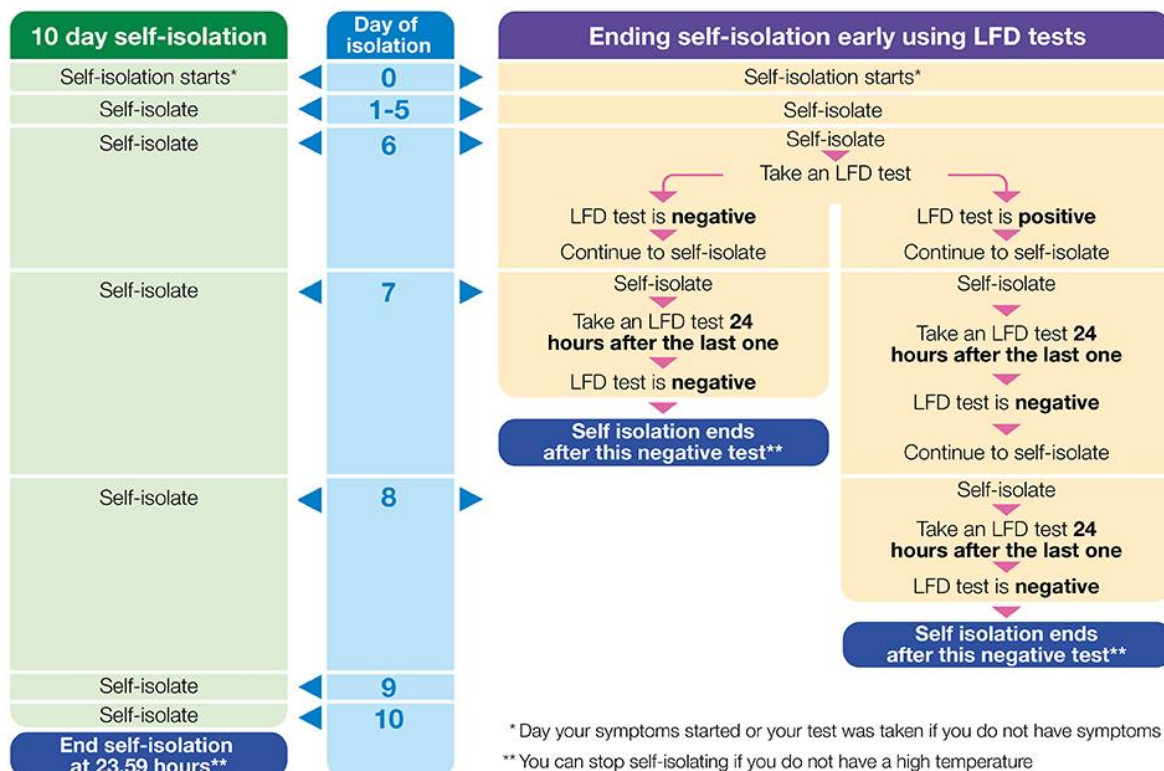
There have been a number of updates to Coronavirus procedures in recent days and we are now under the Government's Plan B until 26<sup>th</sup> January. I have tried to explain this as clearly as possible below. If you are ever unsure what action you or your children need to take, please email or ring the office.

**If your child has Covid symptoms**

Firstly and most importantly, if your child develops COVID-19 symptoms, they must not come to school. Your child must self-isolate and book a (PCR) test as soon as possible. The main symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

There have been changes to the rules around self-isolation. Children who have tested positive for Coronavirus are now able to end self-isolation after 7 days instead of 10 days if they have negative LFD test results on days 6 and 7. The two LFD tests need to be taken 24 hours apart and the first test should not be taken before the sixth day. Pupils should only end their self-isolation period before 10 days if both LFD tests are negative and they do not have a high temperature. If the conditions for ending self-isolation early are met, pupils may return to school from day 8.



**If your child is identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive**

We will continue to communicate clearly and openly and inform all parents every time there is a positive case. If your child is identified as a close contact they should take LFD tests every day (before leaving home) for seven days. If the result is negative, they can continue to come to school

**If your child tests positive on a Lateral-Flow Device**

Your child should self-isolate and must not come to school. If your child has COVID symptoms, you should book a PCR test. If your child tests positive but is not symptomatic, they should begin self-isolation immediately.

**Ordering test kits**

Home testing kits for primary school aged children can be obtained from pharmacies, a community collection point or order tests to do at home. Find out more from the [NHS site](#).

**Reporting results**

All results should be reported to the [NHS Online Reporting System](#). Please keep school informed of any COVID-related absences and test results.

My very best wishes,

Mr Mold