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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had confirmed cases of Covid in school this week.

Please refer to the guidance below if you think your child is a close contact or has tested positive. As you can imagine, it is also impacting on staffing with many members of both the teaching and support staff currently unavailable to work. It has been a challenge to ensure that we have enough staff in school today (Wednesday) and we are having to review this capacity on a daily basis as things change.

With this in mind, your child's class might have different members of staff! Please note that arrangements could change at short notice. We will keep you updated and we appreciate your understanding at this time.

What to do if you are notified that your child is a close contact.

Daily testing using lateral flow tests has been introduced for individuals who have been notified by the National Test and Trace service that they are contacts of a COVID-19 case (whether Omicron or not). It is hoped that this will help to reduce the spread of the Omicron strain.

Please note the following key points in relation to daily testing of contacts:

- Contacts will be asked to take an LFD test for 7 consecutive days (or until 10 days after their last contact with the person who tested positive for COVID-19 if this is earlier).
- Only contacts who are fully vaccinated (you are defined as fully vaccinated 14 days after having received two doses of an approved vaccine (such as Pfizer/BioNTech, AstraZeneca or Moderna/Spikevax) or one dose of the single-dose Janssen vaccine), are medically exempt from vaccination, or are aged between 5 and 18 years old are eligible to participate in the daily testing.
- Adult contacts who do not meet this definition of being fully vaccinated or exempt must continue to self-isolate for 10 days.
- Contacts under the age of 5 years are exempt from self-isolation and do not need to take part in daily testing, but they should limit contact with anyone at higher risk of severe illness, and a PCR test should be obtained if the child develops symptoms of COVID-19.
- Contacts should self-isolate immediately if any of their LFD tests give a positive result.
- Contacts should self-isolate immediately and order a confirmatory PCR test if they develop symptoms of COVID19.
- Contacts are requested to limit avoidable social contact, particularly around vulnerable people, until the end of the 7-day period of testing.

If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, seek medical advice.

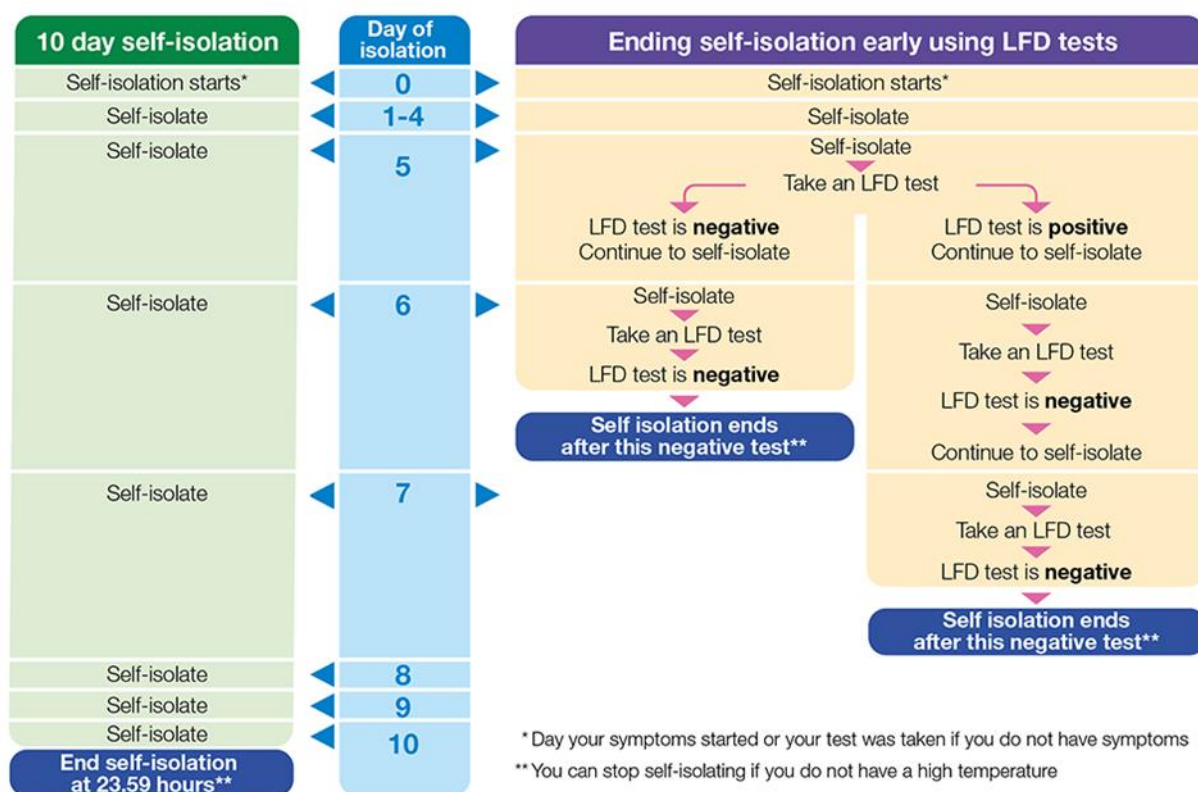


Please find further government guidance at:
[‘What parents and carers need to know...’](#)
[NHS Test and Trace: what to do if you are contacted](#)
[Stay at home: guidance for households](#)

What to do if your child tests positive

Contacts should self-isolate immediately if any of their LFD tests give a positive result. Contacts should self-isolate immediately and order a confirmatory PCR test if they develop symptoms of COVID-19. Children who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

Please see the updated table below which shows examples of when to end self-isolation if you have had COVID-19 symptoms or have received a positive COVID-19 test result).



The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be reported to NHS Test and Trace.

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

Further information on self-isolation for those with COVID-19 is available [here](#)

Kind regards
 Lynne Kilford - Executive Headteacher