



Garlinge Primary School and Nursery

17th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will be aware, Covid-19 is very much still with us and we continue to do all that we can to reduce the risk of infection and to keep our children, staff and families safe. We will continue to ventilate all buildings and have CO2 monitors in each classroom to monitor the air quality throughout the day. We will continue to ensure that we maintain high levels of hygiene including increased hand washing and sanitising of surfaces. We will ensure that we do all that we can to keep children in school and learning alongside their peers. If we have been advised of 3 positive cases within a class we will implement internal self-isolation procedures ('bubble' the class) within school to reduce any possible further spread.

As a leadership team we have decided to keep you well informed when we are notified by parents and carers of positive cases within school. This ensures that we are clear and transparent reporting the current Covid-19 cases in school and that you are fully informed of the situation. This does mean that you will receive regular notifications during this time and we apologise for any possible inconvenience this may cause.

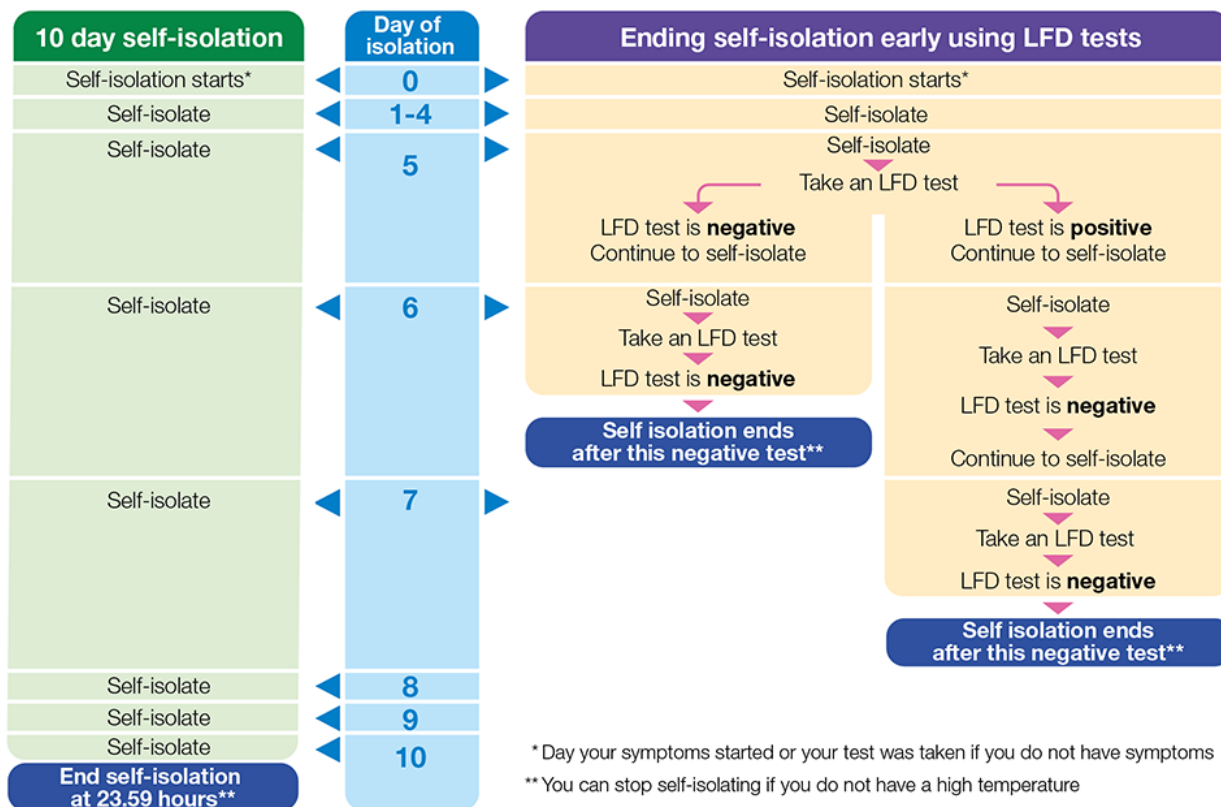
Today, the government has implemented changes to the isolation period for those who are vaccinated or under 18 years of age.

Below is some information if your child has symptoms or/and tests positive for Covid-19 and has to isolate.

- If your child has symptoms, they must take a PCR test and isolate at home until you get the results.
- If PCR results are negative, they can stop isolating.
- If positive, they must isolate at home for **up to 10** days. Please contact the school office to inform us if your child has a positive PCR result.
- If your child is asymptomatic and tests positive on a LFD test, you should log this on the government website and isolate immediately.
- On the 5th full day of isolation, they can take a LFD test and again 24 hours later on the 6th day – if both these tests are negative and your child feels well with no temperature, then the isolation can end straight after the second negative test.
- Those who live with another family member who has tested positive/ or has been a contact should take a LFD test every day for a week if they can but do not need to isolate as long as the results are negative. A positive test means isolation for up to 10 days as above.

Please send confirmation of the positive PCR or LFD tests to office@garlinge.kent.sch.uk or via Weduc.

Please use the chart below to assist you in following the government's updated guidelines.



Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs A Northrop & Mr S Cope
 Heads of School