



10th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, Happy New Year to you all. We hope that you enjoyed the holiday with your families. It was lovely to see the children back last week for the start of an exciting new term.

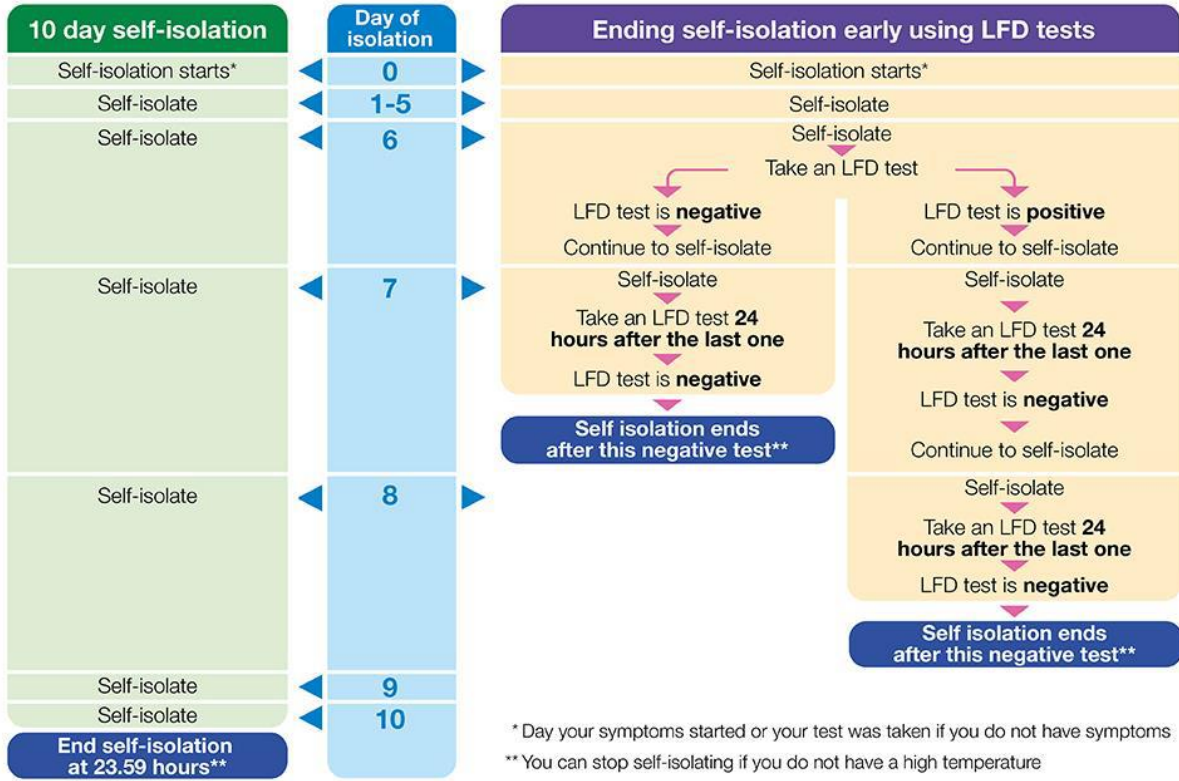
As you will be aware, Covid-19 is very much still with us and we continue to do all that we can to reduce the risk of infection as much as possible and to keep our children, staff and families safe. We will continue to ventilate all buildings and have CO2 monitors in each classroom to monitor the air 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 endeavour to do all that we can to keep children in school and learning alongside their peers.

You may also be aware the government procedures regarding isolation have changed for all and are as follows:

- If you have symptoms, you must take a PCR test and isolate at home until you get the results.
- If PCR results are negative, you may stop isolating.
- If positive, you 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.
- On the 6th day of isolation, you can take a Lateral Flow Test and again 24 hours later on the 7th day – if both these tests are negative and your child feel well with no temperature, then the isolation can end on the 7th day, not the 10th day.
- Those who live with another family member who has tested positive should take a LFD test every day for a week 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.

From Tuesday 11th January 2022, if your child is asymptomatic and tests positive on a LFD test, you should log this on the government website and isolate immediately. Please send confirmation of the positive LFD test to office@garlinge.kent.sch.uk or via Weduc. The Government have announced they are temporarily stopping the need to get a confirmatory PCR test for those testing positive on a LFD test **without symptoms**. If your child does display symptoms you should continue to book a PCR test.

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



We look forward to another brilliant term at Garlinge and thank you for all your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs A Northrop & Mr S Cope
 Heads of School