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Dear Parents, Carers and families,

Happy New Year. I hope you had a lovely Christmas.

Welcome back! Whilst I am excited to get the new term started with lots of fantastic learning going on, I am also writing this letter to share actions we are taking this term.

As I'm sure you're aware currently there is a significant number of cases nationally and the new Omicron variant spreads very easily.

Whilst we will do all we can to hopefully prevent the spread, there is a risk that this may lead to an increased number of cases in school at some point this term.

Our priority is to keep school open. We have looked at school routines already in the Autumn term, have minimised mixing and as far as possible reduced contact opportunities so that hopefully cases can be contained. This is something that has been relatively effective so far.

If children have symptoms, if they have a new continuous cough, loss of taste and smell or a temperature they will be expected to get a PCR test – if it is negative then they may return to school.

If someone in your household tests positive or if children are confirmed as a contact to someone who has tested positive, they are still allowed to come to school but they are requested to carry out a Lateral Flow Test (LFT) every day for 7 days. If the test is negative, they can still come to school.

If a child receives a positive LFT they must get a PCR test; if that is negative they can return to school.

If your child receives a positive PCR test they must isolate for at least 7 days. On day 6 and 7 they can do a LFT and if both are negative and they have no temperature, they will be able to return to school on day 8. If they do not do a LFT on day 6 and 7 they must isolate for the full 10 days. I have included a flow chart to help you understand the current guidance below.



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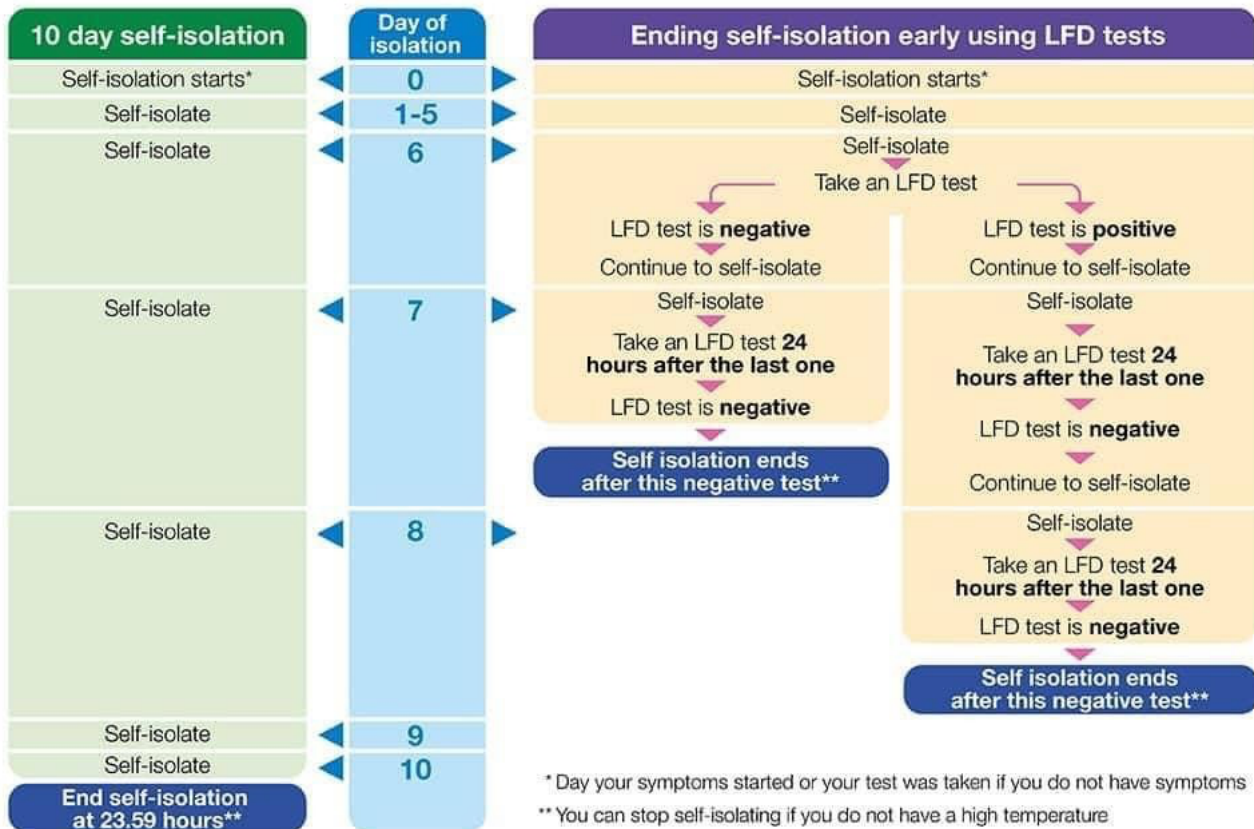
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I know you will support us to keep families and our community safe. If you have any concerns or queries, please don't hesitate to contact us. If you need any advice, please ask.

We look forward to seeing you tomorrow,

Thank you for your continued support.

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