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Dear Parents/Carers,

The children have come back to school full of positivity and joy. It's great to see virtually full classes again too.

Watches with Cameras

A few children have brought in watches this week that have a camera function. These are not allowed in school so please ensure your child leaves this type of watch at home. Thank you.

Boots

Please could your child bring their boots to school next week if they haven't already done so. We will be using the field at play times. If your child doesn't have any boots but you would like a pair for the rest of the winter season, please speak to the office as we may be able to help out.

New School Arrangements

Some good news! As positive COVID cases are so low in school, we are back to normal next week with whole school assemblies and our usual break time and lunch time routines. Children can be dropped off and picked up at the normal times too. These arrangements will only change again if numbers start to rise but I will inform you as soon as any changes take place.

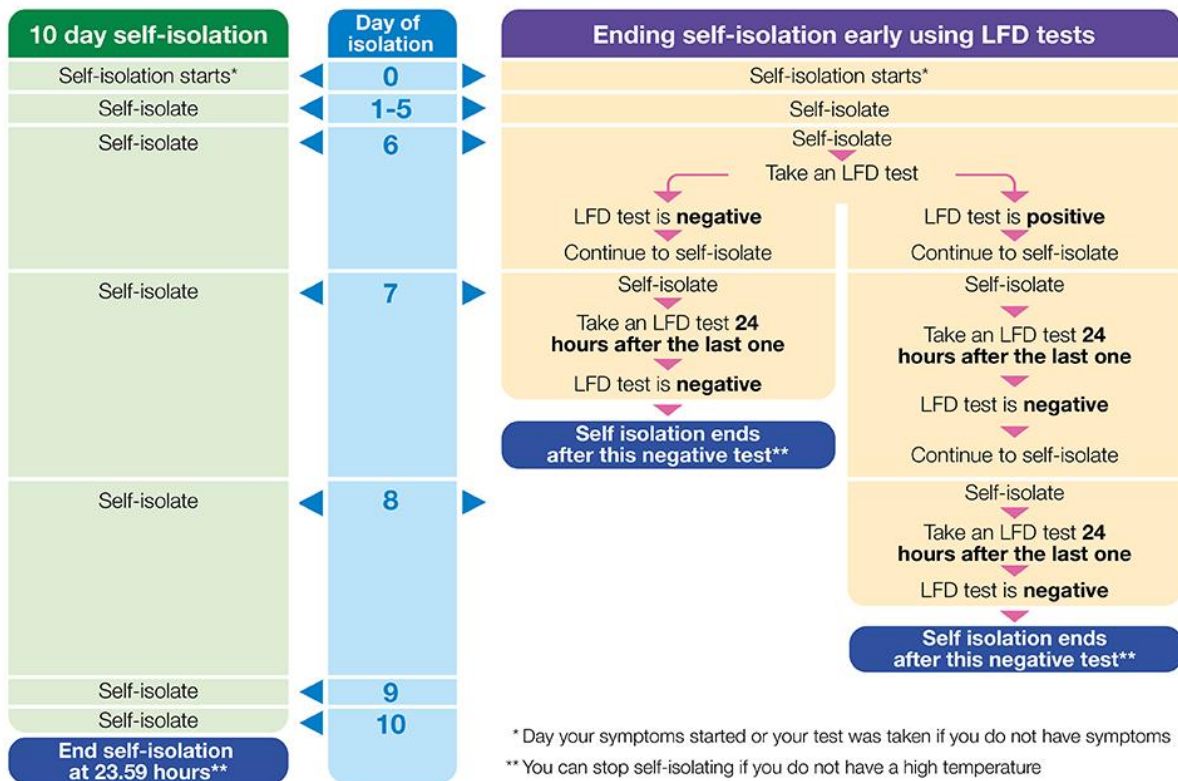
Reviewed Risk Assessment

The government guidance for testing and self-isolation seems to be changing frequently and the information headteachers received at the beginning of the week was different from the government advice. To avoid any confusion, we will follow these government guidelines on our risk assessment:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

This means that children can return to school if they have had two negatives LFT results 24 hours apart (starting on day 6). See chart below:





The school risk assessment will no longer require children who live with someone who has tested positive, to take a PCR test but instead follows the government guidance below:

If you are aged 5 years and over and live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, and are not legally required to self-isolate, you are strongly advised to:

- *take an LFD test every day for 7 days, or until 10 days after the household member who has COVID-19 started their self-isolation period if this is earlier*
- *take this daily LFD test before you leave your home for the first time that day*

Any changes to these guidelines will be in response to reducing an outbreak and you will be informed immediately. Whilst we cannot predict what this term will be like, we are hoping that we will not have to return to bubbles. Your co-operation in supporting our guidelines is much appreciated.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

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