



The Oaks Primary School
Bringing Learning to Life

Thursday 6th January

Weekly Newsletter

Welcome back!

We hope you had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year.

I am enormously grateful to you, our parents. You continue to back us and support us in the most difficult of circumstances.

Your unwavering support and kind emails at the end of Autumn Term were very much appreciated. Thank you for finding alternative childcare for your children at such short notice. I know it would have been extremely inconvenient for many of you.

It was not the end to term any of us wanted!

A huge thank you to our wonderful staff team, I am incredibly proud of them. Their continued consideration and determination to do their best, whatever the cost is remarkable.

Thank you to our governors they supported us as leaders in school with the tricky decisions we had to make.

Lets hope we have a smoother spring term! Please take care.

COVID UPDATES

Whilst school has been closed the guidance around testing and COVID rules have changed several times and I know it is becoming quite hard to keep up with. In this newsletter I have summarised the main points and it was up-to-date at the time of sending! ***Please take a few moments to read and internalise the guidance.***

Attendance:

All pupils should continue to attend face-to-face education unless they are self-isolating in line with government guidance.

All absences must be reported to the school office by email or by telephone.

Please do not send your child to school if they are displaying any of the main, or peripheral symptoms of Covid or the symptoms linked to the Omicron variant, which includes runny nose, sneezing, itchy throat, and cold like symptoms

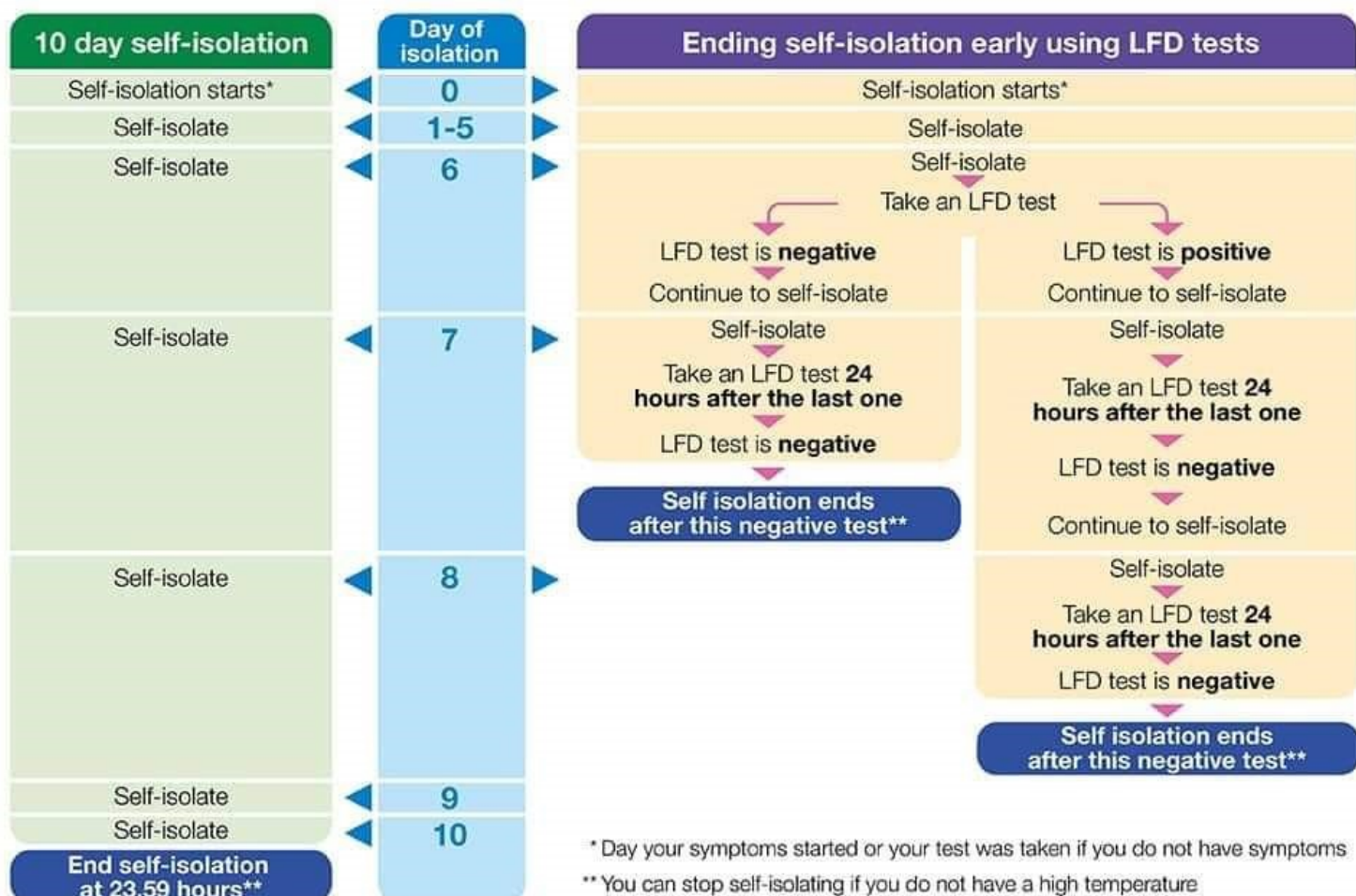
Government requirements re Self-isolation:

Individuals who have tested positive for coronavirus are now able to end self-isolation after 7 days instead of 10 days if they have negative LFD test results on days 6 and 7. This applies to all people regardless of their age or vaccination status. The two LFD tests need to be taken 24 hours apart and the first test should not be taken before the sixth day.

Pupils should only end their self-isolation period before 10 days if both LFD tests are negative and they do not have a high temperature.

If the conditions for ending self-isolation early are met, pupils may return to school from day 7. Anyone who is unable to take lateral flow tests will need to complete the full 10-day period of self-isolation.

This diagram helps to explain the rules.



Daily testing for close contacts of COVID-19:

People who are fully vaccinated, or children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months, identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, should take an LFD test every day for seven days. Children can continue to attend school as normal.

[The government guidance can be found by clicking here](#)

This also applies to children under 5, with LFD testing at parental or guardian discretion. If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to your education setting from day 7.

And finally...

Looking at the data over the Christmas period, this term will probably continue to remain challenging both for our families and our school community. As always, I will keep you updated and communicate any amendments to the operation of the school to you. I know you will continue to be vigilant and support our school as you already have been doing.

Other Notices:

PE Days—starting next week

Children need to come in PE Kit:

Reception: Monday

Year 1: Wednesday and Friday

Year 2: Monday and Thursday

Year 3: Tuesday and Thursday

Year 4: Monday and Wednesday

Year 5: Monday and Thursday

Year 6: Monday and Friday

Forest Schools ~ Y5 and Y6

On **Monday afternoons** Y5 and Y6 will be enjoying forest school sessions with Mrs Edwards. Children need to come to school in their PE kits. This will be up to February half term.

They need to bring with them in a bag:

- an appropriate change of footwear, walking boots or wellies.
- a waterproof warm coat
- waterproof trousers if possible
- hat and gloves.

Please make sure childrens' additional clothing is named. ***Thank you!***

Missed performances ~ subject to change

Nativity ~ We will send a form for you to book on and transfer tickets / request refunds.

- Thursday 13th at 11.15am
- Friday 14th at 9.15am

Choir Performance

- Thursday 20th January at 3.30pm

Reminder of the rules for parents attending performances in school

- Strictly a maximum of 2 adults per showing per child
- No siblings or pre school children are able to attend
- Masks must be worn
- Please complete an LFT before you attend
- Please do not attend if you are poorly
- The room will be well ventilated so please wrap up.