



**School Community Arrangements for Reporting COVID test results**

**from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022 following new updates to the guidance**

Following further changes and updates to the government guidance regarding the testing and reporting of COVID19 please refer to the arrangements below for our school:

**What to do if you are....**

**A close contact of someone with COVID:**

The government guidance states that:

*"People who are fully vaccinated, or children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months, who have been a close contact of someone with COVID-19, should take an LFD test every day for seven days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms at any time."*

Please make sure that you inform school if your child is classed as a close contact so that we can work in partnership with you to keep them in school, whilst doing all we can to mitigate any risks for the school community through daily LFD testing each day before they come to school. We ask that you register this test on the online and forward the school email the notification of a negative result to the office email:

[office@stpatricksbirstall.co.uk](mailto:office@stpatricksbirstall.co.uk)

**Registering LFD tests:** <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result> (Please click this link to the online reporting of COVID LFD tests)

**Experiencing possible COVID Symptoms:**

If your child is experiencing possible symptoms, you must still book them a PCR test as soon as possible – you can check with an LFD test but must have confirmation of negative PCR to return to school.

You **MUST** inform school by phone as soon as the symptoms appear and confirm that you are booking a PCR test, the child must begin isolation until the results are returned.

If the result is negative this must be emailed to the office and the pupil can return the following day. If it is positive the isolation begins.

**Asymptomatic Positive on an LFD test:**

If your child is experiencing no symptoms and yet tests positive on an LFD you **DO NOT NEED** a confirmatory PCR test. Your child must begin self-isolation from the day of the LFD test as **day 0**.

You **MUST** register the LFD test with the NHS (please click the link and send a photo of the LFD along with the NHS notification of a positive result to the office email.

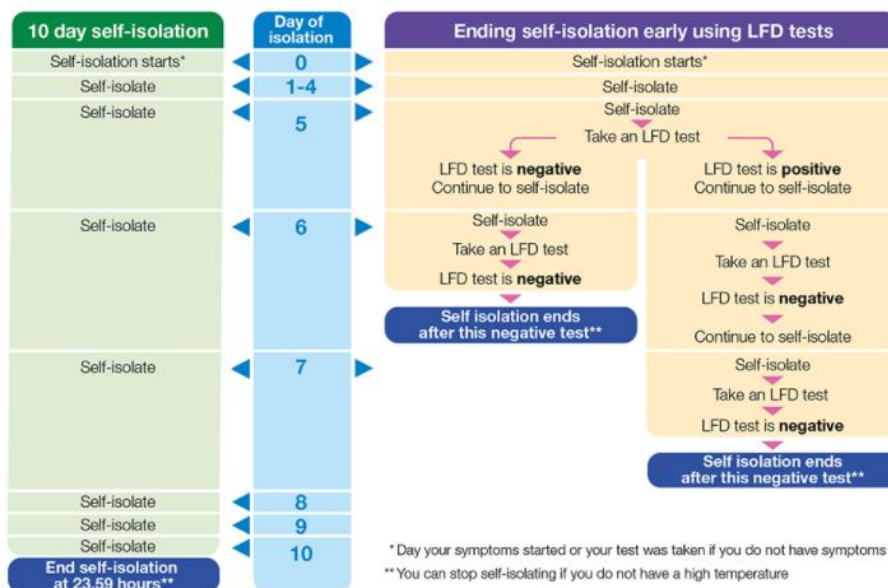
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You **MUST** inform the school by phoning the school office 01924 423220.

Please see the image below taken from the Government isolation guidance updated on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022:



**Examples of when to end self-isolation if you have had COVID-19 symptoms or have received a positive COVID-19 test result**



**Rules for LFD testing to release from isolation: (Only applies if double vaccinated or under 18 yrs 6 months)**

On day 5 you must complete an LFD test in the morning, which MUST be registered with the NHS. A photo of the LFD result along with the NHS notification must be emailed to the office email by 11am to evidence the test result. If it is positive your child must now continue to isolate but can do an LFD test the following morning.

**If negative on day 5:**

On day 6, if they have not had a temperature for 48 hours you must complete an LFD test in the morning (must be 24 hours apart) which MUST be registered with the NHS. A photo of the LFD result along with the NHS notification must be emailed to the office email by 11am to evidence the test result.

If both day 5 and 6 tests are negative, and they have not had a temperature for 48 hours your child can return to school that afternoon (day 6) or the following day BUT they must do LFD tests each morning before school on day 7, 8, 9 and 10 and email the NHS notification of the result to the office. Please make sure you ring to speak to the office to confirm the result and when your child be returning to school.

You can continue to complete morning LFD tests, 24 hours apart until you have two tests, that are both negative OR you have reached the end of your 10 days isolation (whichever is sooner). If you have to complete the full 10 days isolation you do not need to have a negative LFD to be released from isolation or return to school. You just need to be clear of any high temperature (without medication) for 48 hours.

*An example: Day 5 is positive your child must continue to isolate, do LFD tests the next morning (day 6) and 24 hours later (day 7) for release that afternoon or return to school the next morning (day 8) if they are both negative. You must continue to complete daily LFD tests before school until the end of the usual 10 days isolation.*

This guidance has been updated and made clearer, with the image in the Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January update.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection> If you need further support with the newly updated government guidance please do not hesitate to contact us.