



**CHAPMANSLADE CE VA PRIMARY  
SCHOOL**

**Learning together in a Christian community,  
nurturing and developing lively minds in a caring  
environment.**



12<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents,

Following advice from Public Health England, the school will be introducing a precautionary and sensible set of measures until further notice due to the very high rates of Covid-19 transmission within our communities. So far, rates in our school have remained relatively low, although we do not wish to be complacent.

As advised, we will aim to reduce whole school gatherings such as Collective Worship assemblies and eating lunch in the hall. This will add to our focus on good hygiene and ventilation. The aim is that we can reduce the spread of Covid-19 within our pupils and school staff so that we can maximise children's access to education, learning and mental and emotional health by maintaining good quality face to face education.

Collective Worship will happen within classrooms, virtually where possible. Blossom Class, Willow Class and hot dinners will continue to eat in the well-ventilated hall, staying with peers from their class. Oak Class and Redwood Class packed lunches already eat in their classrooms.

Please be assured that we regularly review our Covid-19 risk assessment and contingency plan.

I have attached information from Wiltshire Council regarding changes to PCR testing and new self-isolation guidance. Please do familiarise yourself with the information below or keep a copy to hand should you require it in future.

**Changes to PCR test requirements for people who receive a positive lateral flow test**

The UK Health Security Agency has confirmed that from Tuesday, 11 January, people who receive a positive lateral flow test result and are symptom-free will no longer be required to take a follow up PCR test to begin their isolation period.

Under the new guidance, people who test positive on lateral flows will still need to isolate for at least seven days and will need to register their positive lateral flow results; but will no longer take a PCR test. These new temporary changes are being brought in while case rates are so high.

People experiencing the three official COVID symptoms - a high temperature, new, continuous cough and a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste - will still need to get a PCR test.

More information can be found at [Confirmatory PCR tests to be temporarily suspended for positive lateral flow test results - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/confirmatory-pcr-tests-to-be-temporarily-suspended-for-positive-lateral-flow-test-results).

## **Self-isolation guidance**

The self-isolation advice for people with coronavirus (COVID-19) recently changed. It is now possible to end self-isolation after seven days, following two negative lateral flow (LFD) tests taken 24 hours apart. The first LFD test should not be taken before the sixth day. This guidance also applies to children in schools.

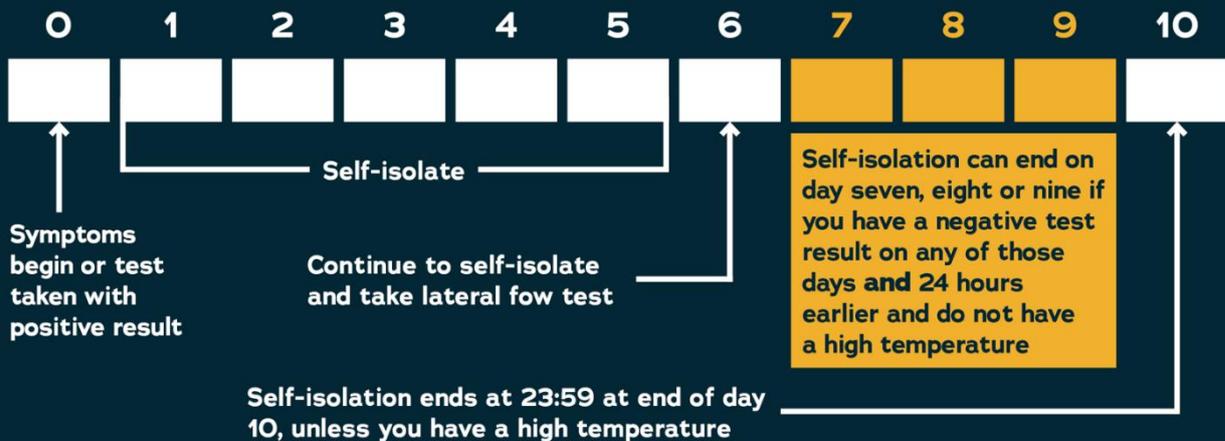
In summary:

- You must self-isolate as soon as COVID-19 symptoms develop, or when you receive a positive test result if you do not have symptoms.
- Two negative lateral flow tests are required to end self-isolation: the first to be taken no earlier than day six, followed by a second test result 24 hours later. Please consider the time of day you take your day six test. If you are aiming to return to work or school on your day seven (assuming two consecutive negative LFD results) you will need to take your day six test early in the morning as there needs to be a gap of at least 24 hours before taking the day seven test.
- If both of those tests are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you can stop self-isolating immediately (if a pupil, they can return to school if this is the case).
- If the day six test is positive, further tests can be taken on subsequent days but you must receive two negative tests, 24 hours apart, in order to end self-isolation.
- If ending self-isolation after day six due to negative lateral flow test results on consecutive days then please limit contact with others wherever possible until after the formal 10-day isolation period would have finished.

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

## When to end self-isolation if you have had COVID-19 symptoms or have received a positive COVID-19 test result

Days:



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With local cases of COVID-19 continuing to rise people should continue to be cautious and can play their part to help reduce the spread by doing the following:

- If meeting others indoors, ensure fresh air is circulating by opening windows
- Wash hands regularly for 20 seconds with warm water and soap
- Wear face coverings where required
- Receiving a [first, second and booster COVID-19 vaccine](#)
- Take regular lateral flow tests, particularly if planning to meet groups of people outside household
- Self-isolate immediately and get a PCR test when displaying any COVID-19 symptom

Yours Sincerely,

Mr Cottrell