

## Our Lady and St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January**



### **COVID update**

Following updated guidance from the DfE, we have made a number of changes to our Risk Assessment and you will be able to find this on the school website using the following link. <https://www.ourlady-stjosephs.rotherham.sch.uk/parents/covid-19> School continues to maintain the four main control measures of good hygiene, appropriate cleaning regime, good ventilation and following Public Health advice. All visitors to school should take a LFT before visiting and wear a mask, unless exempt.

**From 11 January** in England, people who receive positive lateral flow device (LFD) test results for coronavirus (COVID-19) will be required to self-isolate immediately and won't be required to take a confirmatory PCR test. This is a temporary measure while COVID-19 rates remain high across the UK. Whilst levels of COVID-19 are high, the vast majority of people with positive LFD results can be confident that they have COVID-19. Lateral flow tests are taken by people who do not have COVID-19 symptoms.

Anyone who develops 1 of the 3 main COVID-19 symptoms should stay at home and self-isolate and take a PCR test. They must self-isolate if they get a positive test result, even if they have had a recent negative lateral flow test – these rules have not changed. With this newsletter you will find a useful infograph which sets out the current requirements for testing and isolating along with Frequently Asked Questions.

### **Remote Learning**

We know that already a number of families are having to isolate and remote learning is in place, if your child is well enough. Please access this through the class blogs. You will find a link to the class timetable with relevant links, including for White Rose Maths videos. Other resources can be found in the folder at the bottom of the blog. Please use the class email to contact the teacher or send work for marking and feedback.

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### **Dates for your Diary**

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January** – Cycling Year 3 registered children only

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January** – Basketball Year 5 and 6 registered children only

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January** – Gardening Foundation Stage (new group of registered children only)

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January** – Tag Rugby Y2 registered children only

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January** – VEX (current group)

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January** – Art Club Year 2 (new group of registered children only)

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January** – Y6 information session: SATS at 5pm. This will be via zoom and parents/carers will be sent a link

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January** – Y6 Booster class 3-4pm. This will continue until SATs week

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February** – Star Gazing Evening. Y3 and Y4 6-8pm

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February** – school closes for February Half Term

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June** – INSET Day

### Come and See

This term our Come and See topics are all about our local church and community.

**Early Years CELEBRATING** - People celebrate in Church

**Year 1 SPECIAL PEOPLE** - People in the parish family

**Year 2 BOOKS** - The books used in Church

**Year 3 JOURNEYS** - Christian family's journey with Christ

**Year 4 COMMUNITY** - Life in the local Christian community and ministries in the parish

**Year 5 MISSION** - Continuing Jesus' mission in diocese

**Year 6 SOURCES** - The Bible, the special book for the Church

On Wednesday we look forward to a visit from our new parish priest, Fr. Patrick.

### School Term Dates

We have set the fifth and final INSET day of this academic year for **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June**. This is the Monday directly following the spring bank holiday. You will find the full term dates on the school

### Punctuality and Attendance

The gate is open between 8:30 and 8:45pm. Children must arrive on time for school to start at 8:45.

Congratulations to Y3 this week with a fantastic winning attendance of 100%. Well done!

### Parking

Please park considerably at all times. Neighbours driveways should never be blocked, even for a very short period of time. Please don't leave engines idling as this is bad for the environment as well as the health of our children and families. Please do not pull up onto the pavement as this endangers children. Please do not park on the zig zags – this area should be clear at all times.

### The Jess Cup

Congratulations to Lottie Potts who is this week's winner of the Jess Cup! Well done!



### Uniform

Children should wear full school uniform every day except on Forest School and PE days when outdoor PE kit should be worn.

School uniform is black or grey trousers/skirt/shorts, white polo shirt and royal blue jumper/cardigan/sweatshirt, black or grey socks or tights and plain black shoes or trainers.

Outdoor PE kit is black or navy tracksuit bottoms, plain white teeshirt and royal blue jumper/cardigan/sweatshirt. Children may choose to wear royal blue Forest School badged tops on Forest School/PE days.

Long hair should be fastened back. No jewellery, nail polish or make up should be worn with the exception of one pair of small stud earrings and a watch (not smartwatch) or fitbit. Children must be able to remove earrings themselves for PE.



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VACCINES  
AND  
BOOSTER



WEAR  
A FACE  
COVERING



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YOUR HOME  
IF YOU HAVE  
VISITORS

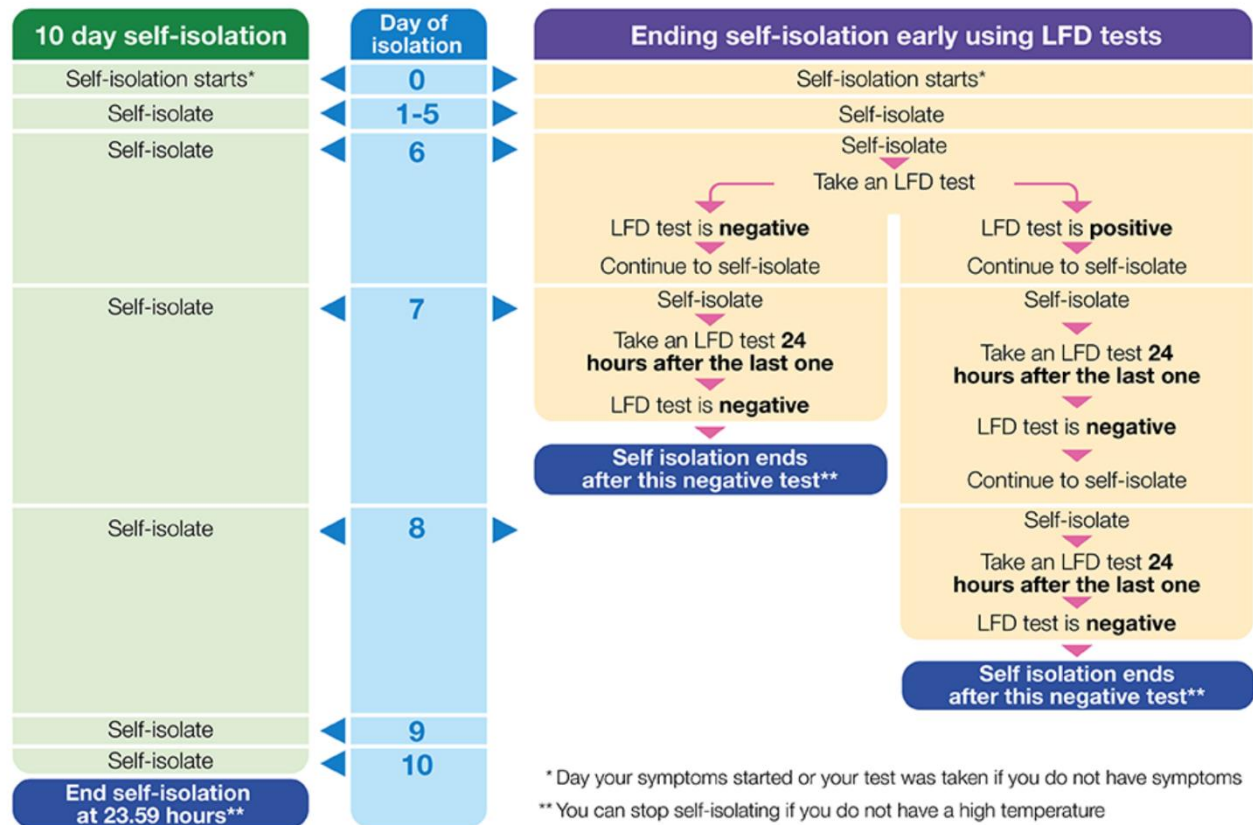


GET  
TESTED  
REGULARLY



STAY AT  
HOME IF  
YOU TEST  
POSITIVE

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



### Frequently asked questions

#### Q1: When do I need to take a PCR test?

Anyone who develops 1 of the 3 main COVID-19 symptoms (temperature, new continuous cough, loss of / change to taste or smell) should stay at home and self-isolate and take a PCR test. They must self-isolate if they get a positive test result, even if they have had a recent negative lateral flow test.

#### Q2: When do I need to take LFD tests?

LFD tests are taken if you do not have symptoms and it is advised that they are taken regularly (2-3 times per week). If you have been in contact with someone who has tested positive for Covid-19, but do not have symptoms yourself, you are strongly advised to test daily for 10 days and limit your contact with others.

#### Q3: Do children need to take an LFD test?

Yes, it is recommended that children aged 5 and over take an LFD test. (Children under 5 are not required to take an LFD test and it is at the discretion of the parent if they do so)

#### Q4: What do I do if my LFD test is negative?

There is no need to self-isolate, but if you are a contact of someone who has tested positive you are advised to continue to test every day for 10 days and limit the contacts you have with people.

**Q5: If my child is positive on day 6, but negative on day 7 & 8 can they return to school?**

Yes, your child can return to school as soon as they have had two negative LFD tests 24 hours apart starting no earlier than day 6. However, if they still have a high temperature, they must remain at home. This also applies on day 10.

**Q6: If my child tests negative on two consecutive days, can they return to school immediately after receiving the test result?**

Yes, but the return will depend on the time the tests were taken. The two tests must have been taken 24 hours apart. e.g. if your child tests in the evening on day 6 and day 7, they will return to school on day 8.

**Q7: If someone is still testing positive on a lateral flow test after 10 days can they come back to school/work?**

Yes, if symptoms have gone, or if the only symptoms you have are a cough or anosmia (loss of taste or smell), which can last for several weeks. If you still have a high temperature after 10 days or are otherwise unwell, stay at home and seek medical advice. The national guidance is set out here: [Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#)

**Q8: Where can I get LFD test kits from?**

LFD test kits can be collected from distribution centres (local libraries or pharmacies). Centres usually receive new stock throughout the day on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. More information on local distribution centres can be found here <https://www.rotherham.gov.uk/health-services/nhs-test-trace-service/3>

**Q9: My child cannot take an LFD test**

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests will need to complete the full 10-day period of self-isolation

**Q10: Are vaccines available for primary age children?**

No. not as yet. unless your child is classed as Clinically Extremely Vulnerable. Vaccines for clinically extremely vulnerable children aged 5-11 years old are available in the community via local health services.

Children aged 12-15 can now get a vaccine (first or second dose) at Walk-in centres located at Rotherham Hospital, Rawmarsh or Oak House, Bramley.