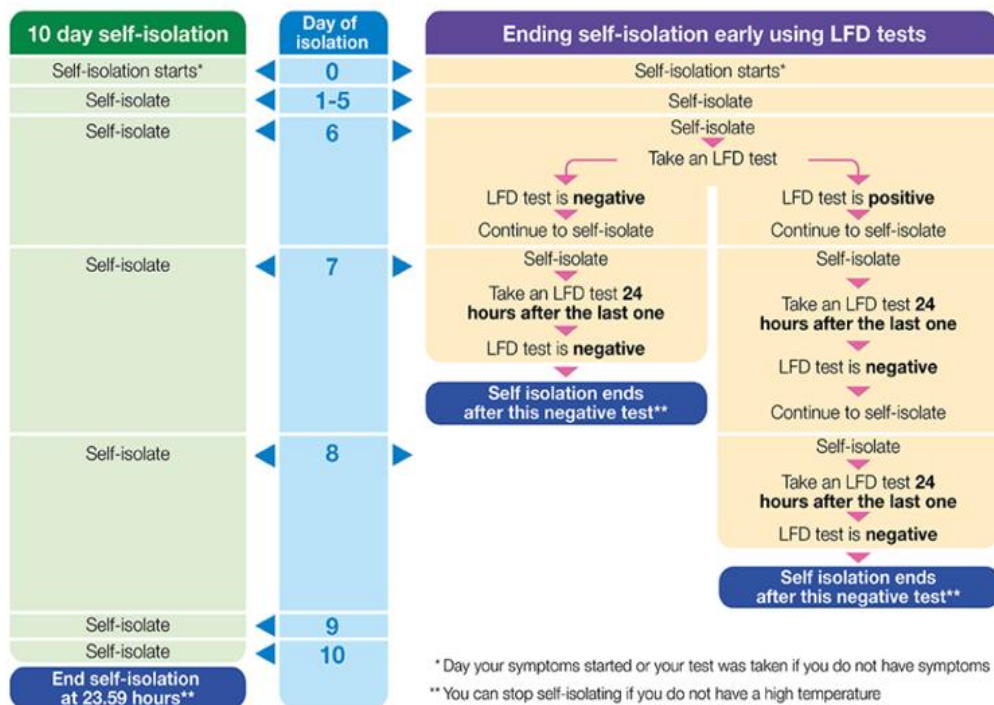


## Spring Vale Primary Weekly News – 7<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Welcome back and Happy New Year!

We have had a fantastic week in school and are currently experiencing fairly low levels of staff absence although this has been rising throughout the week. We also have a number of children who are currently isolating and are due back at various points over the next 10 days. Reporting these absences to you, as we have done in the past, will now become highly challenging due to the scale of the problems we may face. Your children have been exceptional this week. Behaviour has been outstanding and the children settled quickly to their work within minutes of coming back on Tuesday morning. Thank you for your support. Over the coming weeks we will be having a focus on school uniform and we ask parents to help us with this ensuring children are sent to school in correct uniform.

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



### Daily Testing of Close Contacts

- From 14 December 2021, adults who are fully vaccinated and all children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 are strongly advised to take a LFD test every day for 7 days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result.
- Daily testing of close contacts applies to all contacts who are:
  - ✓ fully vaccinated adults – people who have had 2 doses of an approved vaccine
  - ✓ all children and young people aged 5 to 18 years and 6 months, regardless of their vaccination status
  - ✓ people who are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons
  - ✓ people taking part, or have taken part, in an approved clinical trial for a COVID-19 vaccine
- Children under 5 years are exempt from self-isolation and do not need to take part in daily testing of close contacts.

Usual newsletter format will resume next week.