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Dear Parents, Carers and Students

In my letter last week, I warned of unpredictability over the coming weeks and alluded to rumours of further changes to the self-isolation period for those testing positive for Covid-19; it was only 4 days later that the official announcement of this became public, coming into force today. The below provides a relatively brief update on this latest guidance change and one other bit of news in relation to Covid Vaccinations.

- **Reduced Self-isolation period for individuals who test positive for COVID-19 – from 17th January**
- **12 to 15-year-old Covid vaccination programme**

Reduced Self-isolation period for individuals who test positive for COVID-19 – from 17th January

From today, Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with Covid-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6, and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

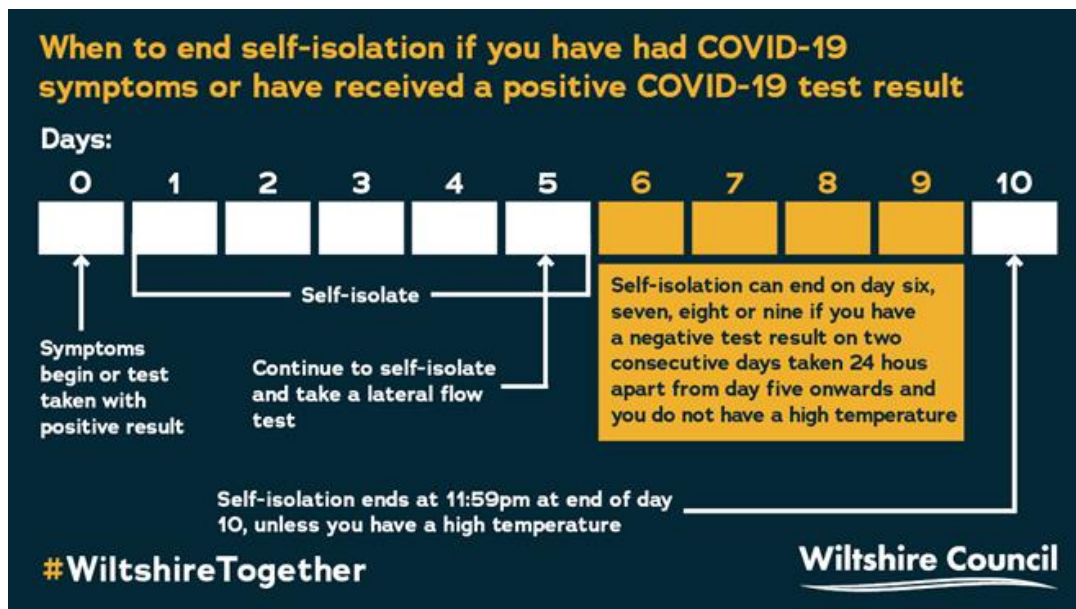
The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day, 24 hours later. All test results should be reported to NHS Test and Trace.

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days, 24 hours apart, or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

If still testing positive after the 10th day of isolation, individuals are still able to return to school (unless they remain unwell) irrespective of still testing positive, as they are very unlikely to still be infectious, provided they:

- No longer have a high temperature
- Feel well enough to do so

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10-day period of self-isolation.



12 to 15-year-old Covid vaccination programme

Phase 2 of the in-school vaccination programme for 12 to 15-year-olds began across the country last week. Our school age immunisation service (SAIS) provider has been in touch with us to provisionally book their on-site vaccinations with us on 8th February. We will confirm more details and share the links to obtain the required consent in the same way as last time much nearer the time.

In support of this, please see the guidance on [COVID-19 vaccination: resources for schools and parents](#) for further information and resources on the vaccination programme.

In order to maximise uptake of the vaccine, the DfE is encouraging schools, while waiting for confirmation of an on-site visit from a SAIS team, to continue signposting parents to book out-of-school vaccinations for their 12+ child through the [NHS booking system](#).

We will continue to keep you updated when anything else changes. Again, thank you for your cooperation and continued support of us and our brilliant young people.

Yours sincerely,

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