

7th January 2022

Dear parent/carer,

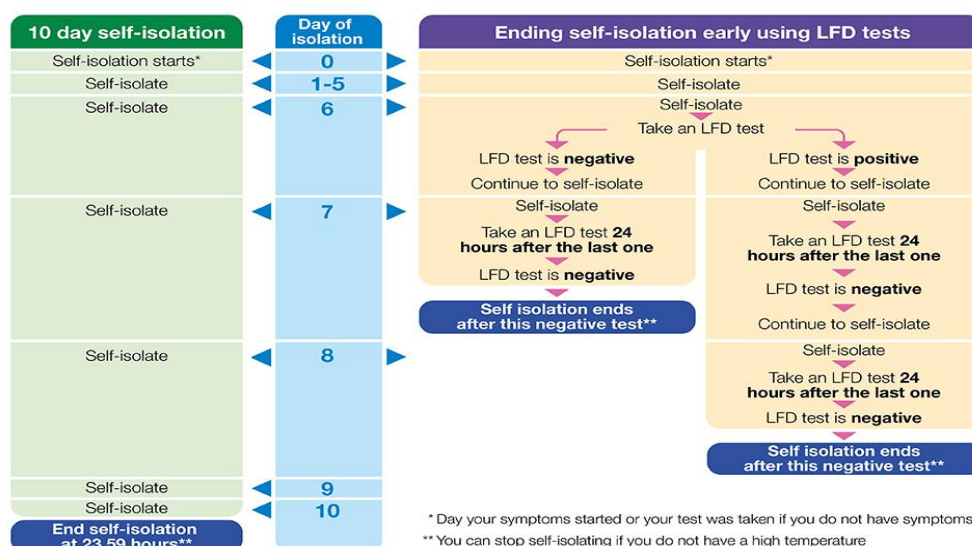
Happy New Year to all our families. Thank you for your support at the start of term. At Queensbridge, we are taking a number of measures to help prevent the spread of Coronavirus, including:

- All pupils and staff to wear masks in in the school building;
- Encouraging all staff and pupils to test regularly, twice weekly to minimise the risk to each other;
- Ensuring our staff and children practice good hygiene;
- Making sure our spaces are well ventilated;
- Requesting that anyone with symptoms books a PCR test.

FACE COVERINGS IN SCHOOL: If you feel your child is exempt from wearing a face covering or declines to, then please fill out the following form <https://forms.office.com/r/umymBY69q4>

INFORMATION ON CHANGES TO THE SELF-ISOLATION PERIOD FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID 19:

Since Wednesday 22 December, the 10-day self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 has been reduced to 7 days in most circumstances, unless you cannot test for any reason. Individuals may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. This also applies to children under 5, with LFD testing at parental or guardian discretion. If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to your education setting from day 8. Please contact the school nurse or our COVID Coordinator, if you have any questions or concerns about home testing.



Government guidance:

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

The links below should help to guide you throughout testing, symptoms and booking a PCR test.

[PCR test.](#)

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

[A recognition focused school | Covid & Home Testing \(queensbridge.bham.sch.uk\)](https://queensbridge.bham.sch.uk)

REMOTE LEARNING: This week we have experienced some technical difficulties and we are working hard to ensure that our remote offer is robust. If your child is absent from school for COVID related reasons, they should continue to check assignments in teams and then emails through outlook.

REPORT A CHILD'S ABSENCE: We are currently experiencing a high volume of absence. To manage this please ensure that you contact school by 8:00am if your child is absent. This is to be done by calling reception on 0121 464 5566 and selecting the attendance option or email enquiry@queensbridge.bham.sch.uk We are moving quickly to activate this function through our Edulink System, more information to follow.

FLU VACCINATION: Pupils that did not receive their flu vaccination can book an appointment by calling the vaccination team on: 0121 466 3413.

PARENT ACCESS TO SITE: In the current circumstances, parents who require an appointment to come onto site. To make an appointment contact details are on the school website. Parents are not allowed on site to collect their children and we would ask that should you wish to collect your child from school, this is done at a pre-arranged location so that we do not have a congregation around the exits from school site.

It has been lovely this week to see pupils back after the break and rehearsals for Aladdin are well underway. I want again to thank you for your continued support as circumstances in school change day to day.

Yours sincerely



H Reeves
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