

11th January 2022



Dear Parents / Carers,

In-school testing concluded last Friday and I wanted sincerely thank again all parents, carers, students and colleagues for their support with this. A number of cases were found each day and are now isolating. The gradual return was designed to minimise the risk of spread within the school community as it is evident that the high number of cases reported both nationally and regionally are impacting many of our families and colleagues. Thankfully in the majority of cases amongst students, symptoms are mild.

Before we provide further information about the latest covid updates can I please sincerely thank all families and colleagues who generously donated to the **Teenage Cancer Trust** on the Christmas Jumper/Non Uniform day last term. I am delighted to advise that £923.45 was raised and donated to this worthwhile charity.

Testing including PCR update

The guidance for the return to school was for one LFD test to be completed in school. Twice weekly testing should now continue at home. Please continue to test and log both positive and negative results on the following link <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>

Confirmatory PCR tests following a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test result are temporarily suspended from Tuesday 11th January. This will mean that anyone who receives a positive LFD test result will be required to self-isolate immediately and will not be required to take a confirmatory PCR test.

We are expecting our next delivery of LFD kits this week and these will be issued to students as soon as we receive them.

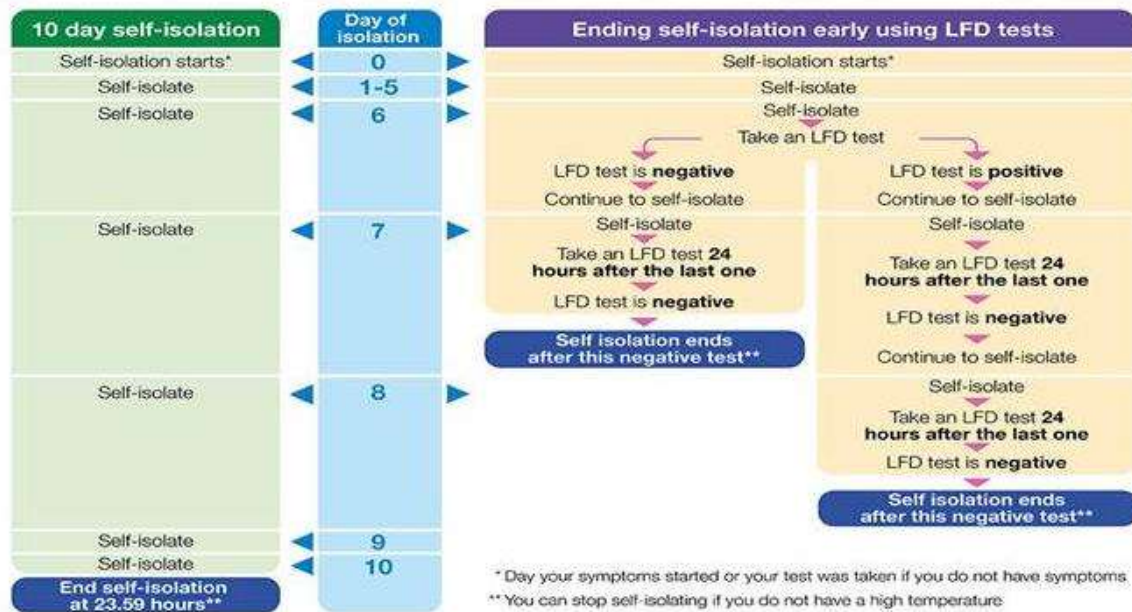
Immunisations for Covid-19

As you will be aware, the CWP School Aged Immunisation Service are now offering a second dose of the Covid-19 vaccination for children 12-15 years of age. These vaccinations will be administered by the Immunisation Service in school to children whose parents have given consent only. Please find attached further information for all students aged 12-15 years who may be eligible for either their first or second dose. Please be aware that consent can only be given on the link included in the letter and must be done by noon on Friday 28th January. Immunisations are scheduled to take place in week commencing 31st January 2022.

Isolation

I have previously highlighted the changes that have come into force to the isolation period if 2 negative test results are received 24 hours apart. The first can be taken on day 6 and then a further test is taken 24 hours later. If both results are negative (e.g. on days 6 & 7) isolation can end. The full isolation period remains 10 days if negative results are not recorded. We will continue to update you with any changes.

Please notify c19alert@nestonhigh.com if your child is able to return earlier than day 11 to enable us to update our records.



Once again thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards
 K Simpson
 Headteacher