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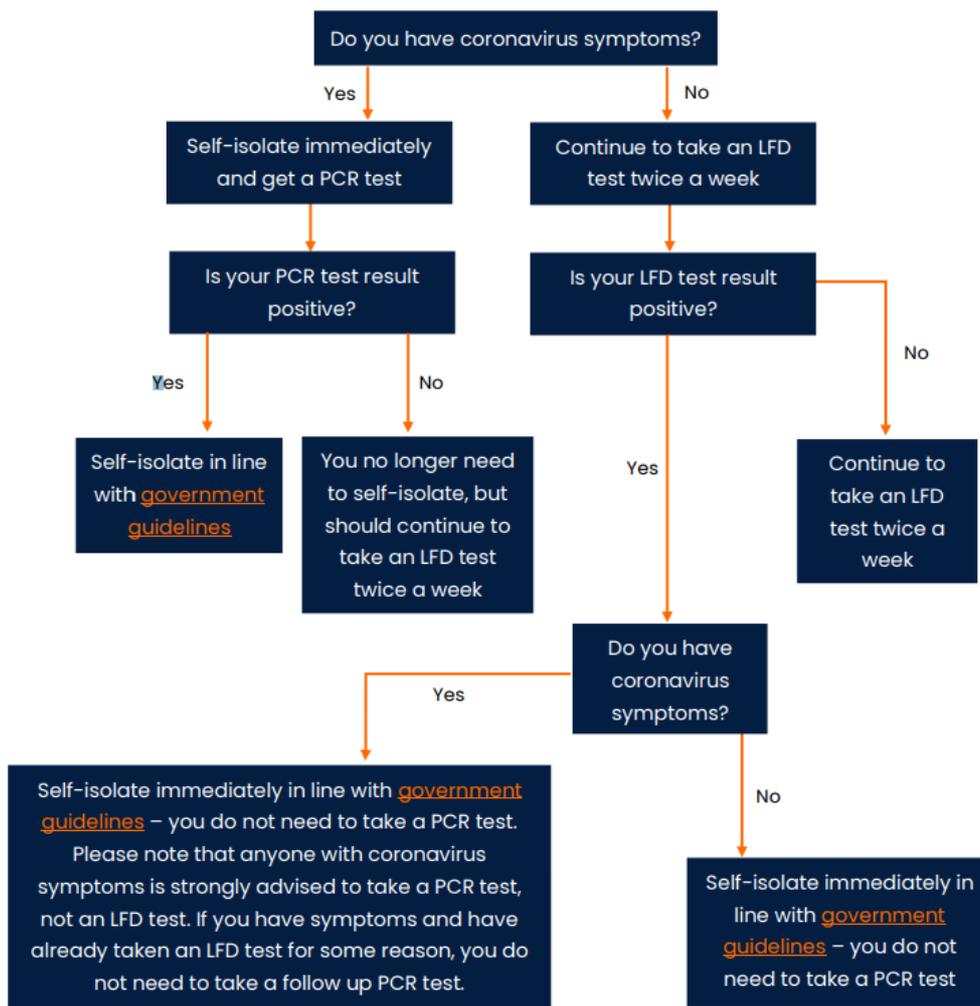
Dear Parents,

RE: Changes to the self-isolation period for those who test positive for COVID-19

From Monday 17th January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 now have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow test (LFT). Individuals have to test negative on both day 5 and day 6 and must ensure that 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. All test results should be reported to NHS Test and Trace.

If the result of either of the tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFTs on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest. Anyone who is unable to take LFT or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10-day period of self-isolation..



Happy children learn, happy staff thrive, happy parents build a community



Anyone with symptoms **must** self-isolate immediately. The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

Further [information on self-isolation for those with COVID-19](#) is available

To help keep our school community safe and in line with government guidance, we are asking that all adults coming onto the school grounds wear a face mask.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, please come and talk to the Headteacher of your school.

Yours Sincerely,

James Roach – CEO, Inclusive Multi Academy Trust
Gillian Jackson – Headteacher, Beechfield School
Cheska Tyler – Headteacher, Cherry Tree School
Sebastian Gray – Headteacher, Laurance Haines School