

# Royal Wootton Bassett Academy



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Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year to you and your families. I do hope that you were able to rest and enjoy some meaningful time with your families or extended families.

We begin Term 3 with LFD testing over the next two days (schedule is attached) but we are very much looking forward to welcoming back all our KS4 and 5 students from Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January and our KS3 students from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January.

As you may have seen/heard from the media, there are some changes to the operational approach for Secondary schools. I have attached for you the updated Risk Assessment and Return to School document. I have highlighted the changes for you in yellow so that for those of you who have read and tracked these documents since they were first sent out in 2020, you won't need to go through all of the points. Brief points are stated below:

- It is recommended that all students wear face coverings in classrooms as well as communal/corridor areas.
- If your child/young person is exempt, please notify your Student Manager as soon as possible.
- Please send your child/young person with their own face covering (and a spare). We do have disposable ones in school but where students can and are able to bring in their own, that would be helpful as well as better for the environment.
- All students travelling on transport must wear a face covering.
- Positive cases may now take LFD tests on day 6 and 7 of their isolation period. Students with two negative LFD tests may return to school. Please see the diagram below that may help with this.



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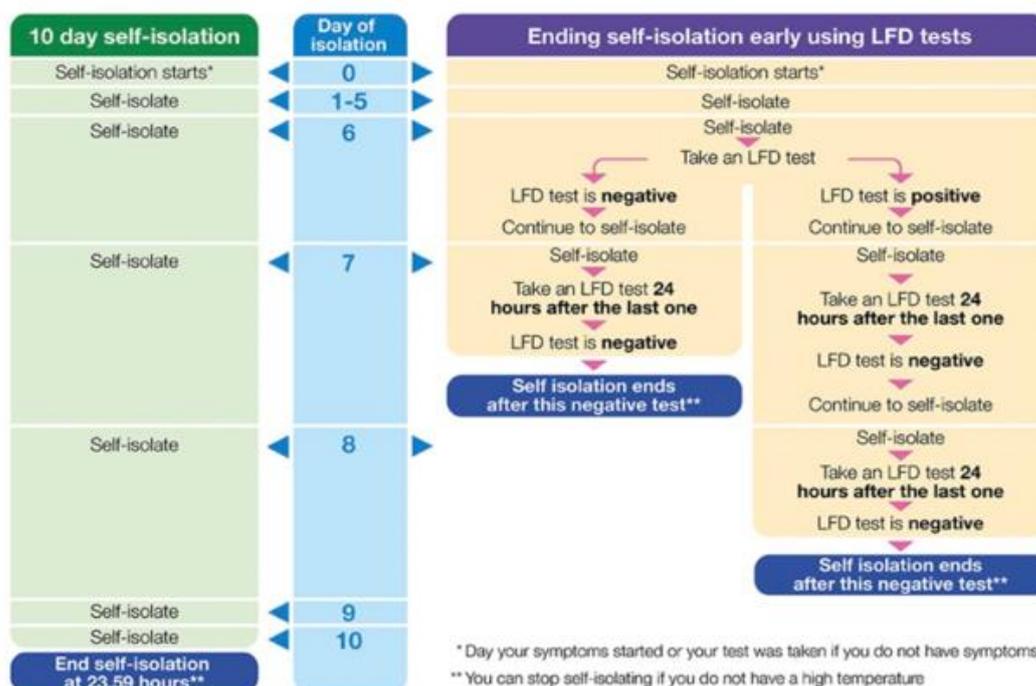
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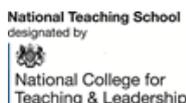
## Examples of when to end self-isolation if you have had COVID-19 symptoms or have received a positive COVID-19 test result



All of the links, in particular on the Risk Assessment are direct to updated Government guidance. If you need clarification on anything, particularly on testing and isolations, please do contact your Year Teams via email or use the [RTS@RWBA.org.uk](mailto:RTS@RWBA.org.uk) link.

The Return to School document is not just a COVID focused document, but a guide as to how we have adapted operationally over the past 21 months. There is information in there regarding KS4 and 5 exams and assessments, so please do take some time to read this document too.

I mentioned in my Christmas Newsletter that we had been hit hard with staff absence in Term 2. We are expecting staff absence to be impacted again in Term 3. We all want to avoid remote learning as much as possible but it is an important strategy to keep students learning, should the need arise. We will only make the decision to move to remote learning (exempting self-isolations) if we have no other choice to or we are advised to by Public Health England or the Department of Education. It would be wise for you to reach out to us in advance of this if you think you may experience any IT issues (e.g. a lack of technology devices) that we may be able to help with.



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Finally, a plea! You have been a tremendous support to us throughout this pandemic and throughout this time, we have focused on keeping school functioning as normal as possible. Please remember that most of the decisions that we have to make are based around keeping our students and staff safe and our expectations high. Some of those decisions are directed to us by Government and are beyond our control. Therefore, please help us by keeping our school safe, our students focused on positive learning behaviours and please ensure that your communication to school is respectful.

I continue to thank you for your ongoing support.

Mrs A Ellis

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