



# EDITH CAVELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Ambitious, Achieving and Nurturing*

Manton Lane, Bedford. MK41 7NH

Headteacher: Miss Heather Cooke

Tel: 01234 345636 E-mail [office@ecls.org.uk](mailto:office@ecls.org.uk)

<https://www.edithcavellprimary.co.uk/>

## ***Newsletter – January 2022***

### **A message from Miss Cooke**

What a difference 12 months makes! Before starting to write the new newsletter I usually look back at the newsletter for the same month the year before. This time last year we were in lockdown, with most children learning at home. While the current situation in January 2022 has some similarities with the number of Covid 19 cases in Bedford still being extremely high, certainly above the national average, we are in a very different place. The number of the population being vaccinated and boosted allows schools to be open and children attending when well.

The situation in schools remains a significant challenge with staffing, pupil and staff illness. The rapidly changing advice from the government, Local Public Health and the Local Authority can be a challenge to keep up with, but in essence as a school, we ask that parents are vigilant to any signs and symptoms of Covid in their children and follow the relevant advice regarding isolating and testing for the whole family. The most recent flow chart from Bedford Public Health is attached at the end of this newsletter and displayed on the school web site.

Since returning from the Christmas holidays we have seen in a number of children that a very early symptom of Covid 19 can be sickness and vomiting. If a child vomits, the advice has always been that they are not allowed in school for 48 hours. We would ask that parents test their children with a Lateral Flow Device before they return to school after a bout of vomiting. It remains important that all positive cases of Covid 19, when discovered via an LFD test, as well as being reported to school, are also reported to the NHS Track and Trace. When you inform the school that your child has tested positive using an LFD test, we will send you a link to also report the case to the NHS.

As a school, we have respectfully requested that parents wear a face covering when they are on the school site. Following the relaxing of 'Plan B' by the Government from this week, we will be relaxing the request to wear a face covering from Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January. From this date, staff will not be required to wear face coverings when outside the school buildings. After reviewing our current risk assessment for the school, we will be keeping in place the current arrangements in place that limit the contact that different phases of the school have with each other and limiting the number of visitors who come into the school. Children will continue to regularly wash their hands and increased cleaning of frequently touched surfaces will remain. Staff will continue to wear face coverings in communal areas of the school.

By working together, we can continue to keep as many children and staff in school as possible and continue to keep children learning.

Please stay safe.

*Miss Cooke*

## Road Safety on Slade Walk



School has received information from staff at Livingstone Primary about a number of young children who attend Edith Cavell who are racing ahead of their parents on Slade Walk and are therefore aware when the pedestrian path ends and the road starts. This is potentially very, very dangerous.

Children from Edith Cavell have been seen by staff running down towards Clapham Road, not realising that there is a busy car park, cars using the road and how busy Clapham Road is with traffic. Please would all parents ensure that their children stay with them and under direct control when walking along the full length of Slade Walk. This could be an accident waiting to happen.

## Parents Consultation Evenings

In the Autumn term, we were able to offer parents the choice between a face to face consultation or a virtual appointment. For the Spring term consultations, due to the consistently high infection rates in Bedford, all appointments will be virtual and should be booked through the School Cloud system via the link below.

<https://edithcavellprimary.schoolcloud.co.uk/>



This is not the preferred format for teachers or many parents, but in order to ensure the safety of all involved and to reduce the possibility of spreading Covid 19 this format will be used.

All parents should have received an email outlining the days and times that their class teachers will be available for consultations along with guidance on how to log on to School Cloud to make an appointment. If you have not received the email with details or have misplaced your parent login code, please contact the school office on [office@ecls.org.uk](mailto:office@ecls.org.uk)

It is very important that **ALL** parents make an appointment to discuss their child's progress with their class teacher.

Below is an outline of the days and times different teachers are undertaking for their parent consultation appointments.

Phase	Class	1 <sup>st</sup> Date	Time	2 <sup>nd</sup> Date	Time
Reception	Amber	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	2 – 5pm	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	2 – 5pm
Key Stage 1	Emerald	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	2 – 5pm	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	4 – 6:30pm
	Jade	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	4 – 6:30pm	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	2 – 5pm
	Ruby	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	4 – 6:30pm	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	2 – 5pm
Lower Key Stage 2	Sapphire	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	4 – 6:30pm	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	2 – 5pm
	Aquamarine	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	2 – 5pm	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	4 – 6:30pm
	Garnet	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	2 – 5pm	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	4 – 6:30pm
	Amethyst – Mrs Murch	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	2 – 6pm	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	4 – 6pm
Upper Key Stage 2	Quartz	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	4 – 6:30pm	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	2 – 5pm
	Opal	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	2 – 5pm	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	4 – 6:30pm
	Pearl	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	2 – 5:30pm	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	4 – 6:30pm
	Amethyst - Mrs Murch	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	2 – 6pm	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	4 – 6pm

## Change to Term Dates – Additional Bank Holiday for Queen's Platinum Jubilee

### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022

To help celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee this year, an additional bank holiday has been put into the National calendar for 2022. As the day assigned as the additional bank holiday has been placed within the May Half term holiday, schools have been asked to add the bank holiday into their school term dates.

The Governors have agreed that the additional day of holiday will be the final day of the school year on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022.

Therefore, the final day of the school year, the final day that the children will be in school before the summer holidays will be Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022.

**The school will be closed on Friday 22<sup>st</sup> July 2022.**



### Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022



National Safer Internet Day will take place on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February and in school we will be marking this day by undertaking a number of activities that remind the children about how they can be safe online, their responsibilities to report anything that concerns or worries them that they see on line to an adult. The theme for this year's campaign is **"All fun and games – exploring respect and relationships online."** Further information about Safer

Internet Day can be found via the following link <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2022>



A further resource that we have become aware of is the online e-safety magazine #Ditto.

#DITTO is a free online safety (e-safety) magazine for schools, organisations and parents to keep you up to date with risks, issues, advice and guidance related to keeping children safe online, with a view to enjoying and learning about technology. A new edition is released approx. every 6 weeks. It is accessed at <https://www.esafety-adviser.com/latest-newsletter/> A link to the Ditto magazine is also available on the school web site which you can access via the link below. <https://www.edithcavellprimary.co.uk/e-safety-tips-and-advice/>

### Chums – Shine Bright – Wear Bright

To support Children's mental health week 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022 we will be holding a non-uniform day on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February**. On this day we encourage the children to come to school dressed in bright clothing and make a **minimum donation of £1** to the CHUMS Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing Service for Children and Young People. Over the week, each class will be thinking about mental health, emotional well-being and how each individual is responsible for their own well-being and mental health.



If a child is not coming to school in uniform, **THEY SHOULD MAKE A MINIMUM DONATION**. This donation can either be made in cash on the day or via Parent Pay.

### Operation Encompass- Working in partnership with Bedfordshire Police and Beds Borough Council

**Operation Encompass** is a charitable organisation set up in 2011 by David and Elizabeth Carney-Haworth OBE (a police officer and school head teacher). They recognised the necessity for police to share timely information with schools in order that children can be supported at school following Domestic Abuse Incidents they may have witnessed or been impacted by.

From 21/2/22 – Operation Encompass will be launched across Bedford Borough and Edith Cavell will be part of the scheme. This is a joint initiative between Bedfordshire Police and Bedford Borough Children's Services and its aim is to provide schools with information relating to domestic abuse incidents that have impacted pupils at the school, as quickly as possible so that the school can provide appropriate support for children impacted by Domestic Abuse.



### **Eligibility to Free School Meals (FSM)**

We are very aware that some families may be facing changing financial circumstances due to the Coronavirus outbreak. If, through change of circumstances, you feel your child may have become eligible for free school meals, we would urge you to consider applying for this benefit. Details of those who may now be eligible for FSM can see eligibility criteria on the school web site at

<https://www.edithcavellprimary.co.uk/free-school-meals/>

An application for free school meals can be made at

[https://bedford-self.achieveservice.com/service/Free School Meals](https://bedford-self.achieveservice.com/service/Free_School_Meals).



**If any family are eligible, even for a short time, the school will receive financial support for six years, so any applications that are successful will support you and the school.**

### **Sponsored Event – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February – Sponsored Skip – Skip for Books**



As our annual sponsored event, this year we have decided to revisit an old favourite – A Sponsored Skip.

Skipping is an activity that can be completed outside, can improve fitness, stamina and be fun with rhymes and games.

Do you remember some rhymes or games that you played when you were younger?

Please teach them to your children so they can share them with their friends, class

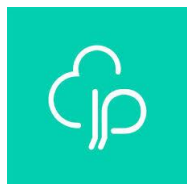
mates and teachers in school.

We are looking to raise funds this year to update and extend our reading book collection. We want to ensure that the stock of reading books that the children have access to offers extended choice, is up to date and exciting for the children to read.

Sponsor forms will be sent out before half term and we ask that all children attempt to raise some money to support this event as all children will benefit from the new books that we will be able to purchase.

Please look out for the sponsor forms.

### **Bedford junior parkrun**



Does your child enjoy running? Then this might be the activity for you.

Bedford junior parkrun is a free, fun and friendly weekly 2k event for children aged 4 to 14 years old.

It is held every Sunday at 9:00am.

**It takes place in Jubilee Park, Moulton Avenue, Bedford, MK42 0HL.**

Link to [Bedford junior parkrun](#) website

Link to [register for parkrun](#) - children need to have a barcode if they want a time (perfectly welcome to participate without one) - it can be displayed on a parent's mobile phone, or be printed out.

Children earn wristbands and certificates for completing junior parkruns.

Further information can be found on the Bedford parkrun Facebook and twitter pages

Link to [Facebook](#) page

Link to [twitter](#) page

### **Winter clothing**

During the winter months we very much want children to wearing appropriate clothing for the weather and so hats, gloves, and scarves are an essential. Please can hats, scarves and gloves be named so that when they have been dropped in the cloakroom there is a chance for returning them to their rightful owners as younger children do not always recognise them as their own when asked.



## A message from FoEC

We at FOEC love Valentine's Day so we will be selling jam jars full of love to gift to your loved ones this year! We'd love you to buy some..!!

More details via Parent Pay at the end of this week.

Lots of love FOEC 😊❤️

## COVID 19 Advice - Reminder

No child should attend school if **they are displaying any of the symptoms** of Covid 19 which are:-

- **high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

**An upset stomach, headache, sore throat or unusual fatigue are early warning signs of Covid 19. Please look out for these and if your child is displaying any of these symptoms, please get them tested to keep everyone in the school safe.**

**We have a number of vulnerable parents with serious health conditions who could be very seriously affected if their child contracts Covid 19. If we are all vigilant, we keep everyone safe.**

If your child starts to display these symptoms, we ask that you inform the school why your child is not in school and obtain a test for Covid 19. Once the results of the test are obtained, we ask that you communicate this to the school.

The Bedford Borough flowchart to assist parents in making decisions about when to send a child to school is attached to the end of this newsletter and displayed on the school web site via the link below.

<https://www.edithcavellprimary.co.uk/covid-19/>

## Class emails

If you need to communicate with the school office, we would prefer if this could be done via phone or email and as this would be preferable to physically visiting the office. Class email addresses for your child's class teacher are listed below and can be used to communicate with class teachers as face to face meetings are highly discouraged. A phone call can also be made by a class teacher after the end of the school day.

The school office can be contacted on 01234 345636 or [office@ecls.org.uk](mailto:office@ecls.org.uk)

Class	Email address		
Opal	<a href="mailto:opal@ecls.org.uk">opal@ecls.org.uk</a>	Ruby	<a href="mailto:ruby@ecls.org.uk">ruby@ecls.org.uk</a>
Quartz	<a href="mailto:quartz@ecls.org.uk">quartz@ecls.org.uk</a>	Emerald	<a href="mailto:emerald@ecls.org.uk">emerald@ecls.org.uk</a>
Pearl	<a href="mailto:pearl@ecls.org.uk">pearl@ecls.org.uk</a>	Jade	<a href="mailto:jade@ecls.org.uk">jade@ecls.org.uk</a>
Aquamarines	<a href="mailto:aqua@ecls.org.uk">aqua@ecls.org.uk</a>	Amber	<a href="mailto:amber@ecls.org.uk">amber@ecls.org.uk</a>
Sapphire	<a href="mailto:sapphire@ecls.org.uk">sapphire@ecls.org.uk</a>	Little Treasures	<a href="mailto:treasures@ecls.org.uk">treasures@ecls.org.uk</a>
Garnet	<a href="mailto:garnet@ecls.org.uk">garnet@ecls.org.uk</a>		

## **Attendance**

Each week in school we award the 'Attendance Bear' to the class that has had the best attendance in the school. The children enjoy having Attendance Bear in their classroom for the week and eagerly await the results each week. Please help your child's class earn the privilege of looking after Attendance Bear for the week by ensuring that your child attends school every day. The winners of Attendance Bear in December 2021 have been

29<sup>th</sup> Nov – 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec

Pearl Class

6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Dec

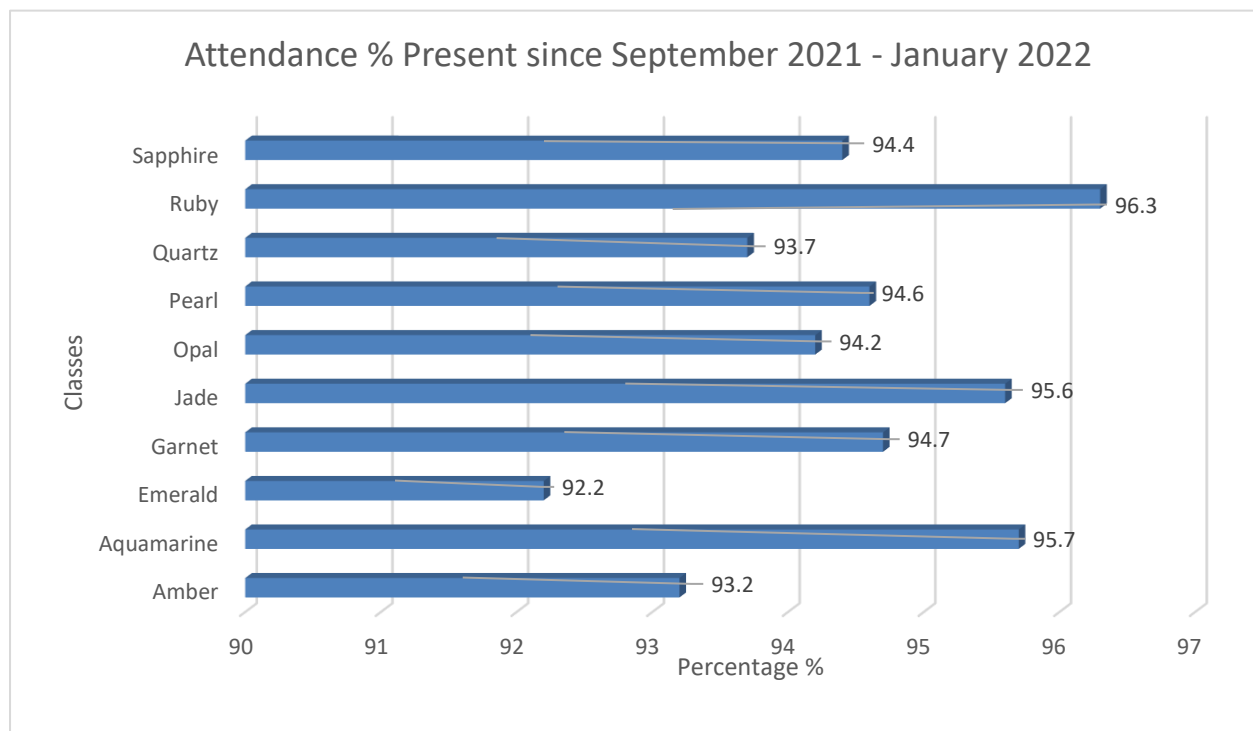
Pearl Class

13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> Dec

Aquamarine Class



## **Attendance Analysis since September 2021 – January 2022**



## Dates – Spring 2022

### **February**

Fri 4 <sup>th</sup>	Braiswick Photographic coming to collect individual photo orders (9am)
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>	Braiswick Photographic coming to take individual photos & siblings (absentees only) Children's mental health awareness week – Growing together Parent Consultations - virtual
Tue 8 <sup>th</sup>	Safer Internet Day – All fun and games – exploring respect and relationships online Parent Consultations - virtual
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Consultations - virtual
Thur 10 <sup>th</sup>	UKS2 visit to Stevenage Science Centre
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup>	Non uniform day – Shine bright – wear bright Half Term

Mon 21<sup>st</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Day back for children

Thur 24<sup>th</sup> Sponsored Skip

### **March**

Thur 3 <sup>rd</sup>	World Book Day
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>	Send Parent Consultations - Virtual
Tue 8 <sup>th</sup>	Send Parent Consultations - Virtual
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup>	Science and engineering Week 11 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> March
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	Comic Relief
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup>	World Maths Day

### **April**

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> End of Term

<https://www.edithcavellprimary.co.uk/information-for-parents/important-dates/>

## **Academic Year 2021 – 2022**

### **Spring Term 2022**

Training Day – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Children return – **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

Half Term: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Children return – **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022**

Term Ends: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022

### **Summer Term 2022**

Training Day – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Children return – **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

May Day – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022

Half Term: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022

Children return – **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

**Term Ends: Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022** – change from previously published date

<https://www.edithcavellprimary.co.uk/information-for-parents/school-term-dates/>

Please take note of  
Edith Cavell term  
dates – Local  
schools may have  
different term dates.

## Stars of the Week

### December 2021

#### **Amber**

Jack  
Annaya

#### **Pearl**

James  
Patricia  
Maciej

#### **Emerald**

Rex  
Emerald Class  
Nella  
Caleb

#### **Jade**

Makai  
Jade Class  
Chester

#### **Opal**

Sammy  
Anna  
Cayden

#### **Ruby**

Willem  
Ruby Class  
Ella

#### **Garnet**

Charlotte  
Lottie  
Ismaeel

#### **Quartz**

Nathan  
Dyllan  
Carter

#### **Aquamarine**

Strahinja  
Erinayo  
Millie

#### **Sapphire**

Demi  
Sheila  
Archer

# COVID-19 Guidance for Parents/Carers in Bedford Borough Education Settings From 17th Jan 2022

For any **SUSPECTED** or **CONFIRMED** case of COVID-19 in a young person please follow the flow chart below.

**SUSPECTED** case if child/young person has COVID-19 **symptoms**

## Key symptoms:

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

**Additional symptoms** that may be early warning signs of COVID-19 in children include upset stomach, headache, sore throat, unusual fatigue.

Book a **PCR test** as soon as possible online via the website [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus). Alternatively a PCR test can be ordered by phone on **NHS 119** for those without the internet.

Ensure child/young person isolates at home until test result

## Who else needs to isolate?

The rest of the household **does not** need to isolate if they are:

- Under 18 and 6 months **and/or**
- Double vaccinated **and/or**
- Part of a COVID Vaccine trial **and/or**
- Can not have a COVID vaccine for medical reasons (as confirmed by a medical professional).

If **none** of the above apply then the household contacts **must** isolate until test result.

## Result of test

(notify setting as soon as possible).

**NEGATIVE**

**POSITIVE**

Young person can return to setting once well, any household contacts can stop isolating.

**CONFIRMED** case(s) following a Positive PCR Test

Inform the setting of positive test. Young person must self-isolate. **ALL household contacts of a positive case should follow Government guidance.**

The rest of the household **does not** need to isolate if they are:

- Under 18 and 6 months **and/or**
- Double vaccinated **and/or**
- Part of a COVID Vaccine trial **and/or**
- Can not have a COVID vaccine for medical reasons (as confirmed by a medical professional).

**Household contacts of a positive case over 5 years old, who do not need to isolate, are strongly encouraged to take a daily lateral flow device test (LFD) for 7 days and should only attend their setting if their lateral flow test is negative.**

If **none** of the above apply then the household contacts **must** isolate for 10 days.

**CONFIRMED** case(s) following a Positive LFD Test

## Positive LFD Result

From 11<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022 you no longer need to take a follow up PCR test. Report the positive test result online at: [Report LFD result on GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/report-lfd-result) Inform setting of positive result.

Ensure positive young person isolates at home for 10 days, along with any members of their household who are over 18 yrs & 6 months and have not had 2x COVID vaccines.

**ALL children/young people can take an LFD test on Days 5 & 6 – 24 hours apart. 2 X negative tests mean they can return to setting following the second test, if they do not have a temperature (see table below).**

For **symptomatic** cases the day the symptoms began is DAY ZERO.

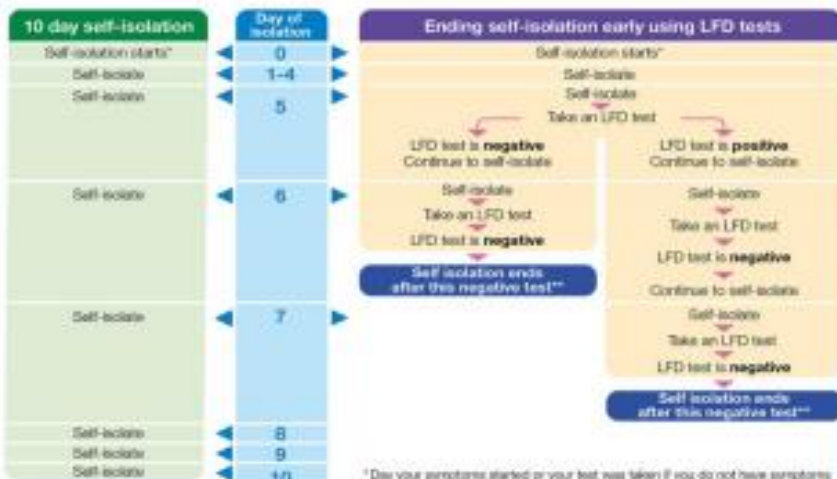
You need to add 10 further days after DAY ZERO.

For **asymptomatic** cases the date of the test is DAY ZERO.

You need to add 10 further days after DAY ZERO.

If anyone else in the household becomes unwell and tests positive for Covid-19 they will need to restart/start their 10 day isolation. They can take an LFD test on Days 5 & 6 – 24 hours apart. 2 X negative tests mean they can end isolation – (see table below). The members of the family who have been isolating as a contact, do not need to extend their isolations after completing the 10 days.

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



- You are exempt from testing by **PCR** within 90 days of a positive test result, unless you develop new symptoms. You can continue to test with **LFD** tests.