

Laurel Avenue Community Primary School



If you are asked to collect your child from school because they have at least one symptom of Covid-19, you will need to take them for a PCR test. This is the test that you send away and wait for the result to be sent to you.

Book here: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

We may have some PCR tests in school for you to use if you cannot take your child to a testing centre.

Your child will need to isolate until the result comes back as they have at least one symptom of Covid-19.

If the test result is negative, they may return to school as soon as you receive the result.

If the test is positive, they will need to isolate and complete school work at home as long as they are well enough.

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 they cannot use tests 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.

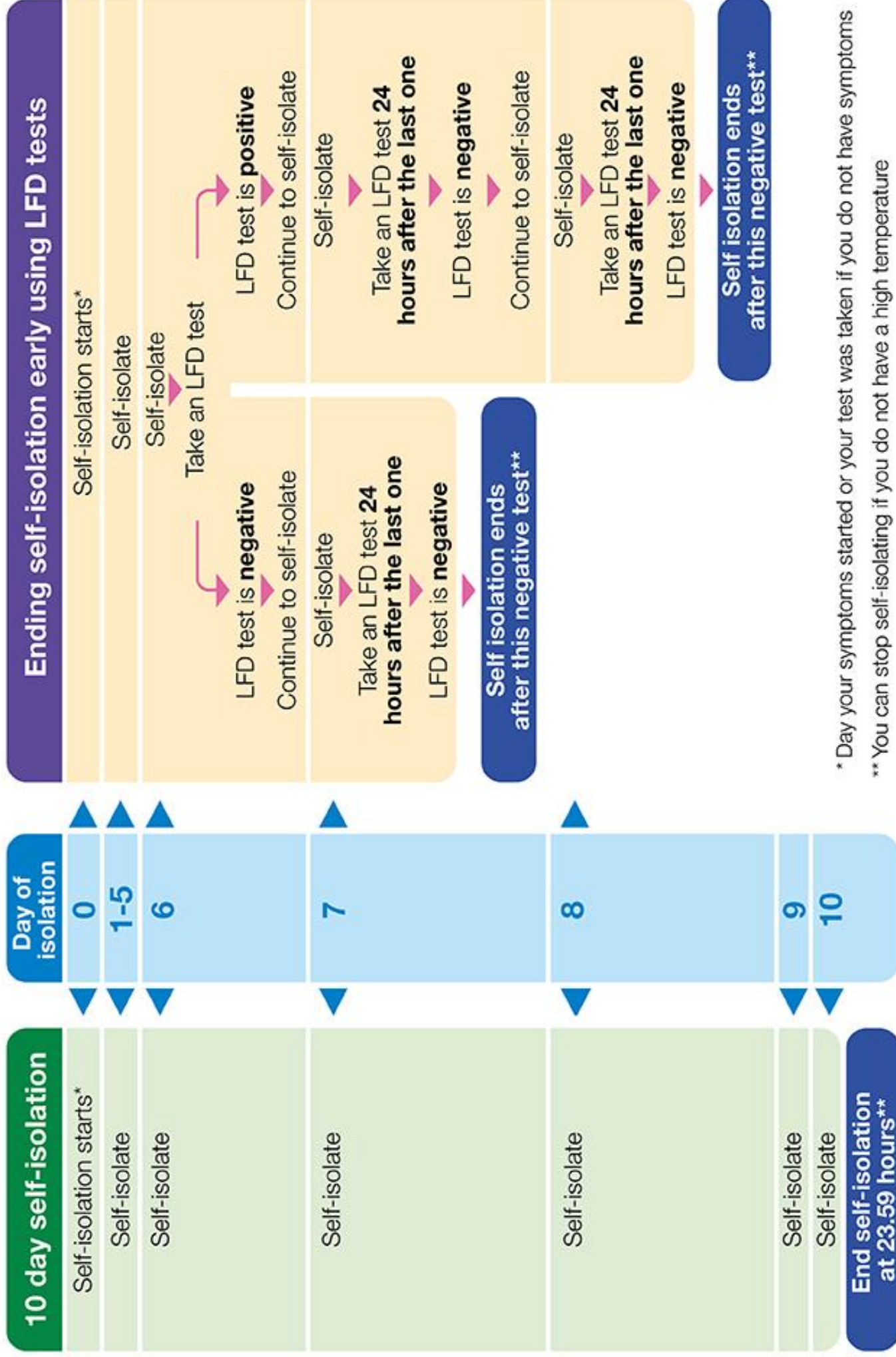
If both these test results are negative, and they do not have a high temperature, they may end their self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to school from day 8.

Information about daily testing for close contacts of COVID-19

People who are fully vaccinated, or children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months, identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, should take an LFD test every day for seven days and continue to attend school as normal, unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms at any time.

Children under 5 are not being advised to take part in daily testing of close contacts. If a child under 5 is a contact of a confirmed case, they are not required to self-isolate and should not start daily testing.

If they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, they should limit their contact with anyone who is at higher risk of severe illness if infected with COVID-19, and arrange to take a PCR test as soon as possible. They can continue to attend an education or childcare setting while waiting for the PCR result. If the test is positive, they should follow the guidance discussed above.



* Day your symptoms started or your test was taken if you do not have symptoms

** You can stop self-isolating if you do not have a high temperature