



## Welcome Back

Happy New Year and welcome back to Term 3. As you will be aware the Government Guidance on Covid measures within schools continues to evolve, alongside different challenges and new variants. Currently our procedures remain the same as those already in place for all operational procedures.

You will know from National News that there are changes to the use of LFD and PCR tests. From 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022, next week, if you get a positive LFD result **AND NO SYMPTOMS** you no longer book a PCR - you just start isolating. **If you have symptoms, you still book a PCR!** Please see the handy flowchart (p2) that explains how to isolate after a positive test. PCR tests may well return, as it says 'temporary' in the guidance, but until the number Omicron cases reduces significantly, the new procedure of just using LFD Tests will remain in place.

In all other situation please remember:

- 1) Visitors must wear face coverings when on site, as it is impossible not to mix with large numbers of new people, and always when inside the school building.
- 2) Please try and keep your distance around the school site and when dropping collecting children, please remember not to crowd the gates - time your arrival to stay safe.
- 3) 8.20am earliest gates in the morning and 2.55pm earliest gates in the afternoon. We know not all children can get out at 3pm so please do not all arrive at once. ... Mr. B



## Flu Vaccines next week (Wed. 12<sup>th</sup> Jan)

This will only happen for your child if you have given permission. **If you want this and still need to give permission, please ring 0300 247 0082.** Thank you to those who have made the process easier by already **accepting or declining** online.

## Nursery News

This week in nursery, we have been reading a selection of bear books written by Neil Griffiths. We were thrilled when Neil actually came into class to read his book 'Itchy bear'. What a treat! As always, this was incredibly entertaining. This will get our new topic, inspired by bear books, off to a great start.



## Amazing Author Visit from Neil Griffiths

Mr Neil Griffiths, Author, School Governor, Trust Reading Ambassador and most importantly, **friend of our school**, visited our school yesterday. He told stories to the children, in their secure groups, and made them come to life... (*The stories and the children!*) In the younger age groups, he read 'Itchy Bear' with the Nursery children. They were going to hear 'Sneezy Bear', but they changed it on the day - even fictional bears must take notice of Covid regs! KS1 joined in with 'Albert's Tuneful Trunk' and 'Winnie Wagtail'. He held a waggiest tail competition and Loki from Hazel won a book signed by Neil! Children in Years 3 & 4 were enthralled during their story session. Teachers, however, remained on edge, awaiting the inevitable moment that Mr Griffiths commanded their participation to re-enact events from 'Messy Martin'. Mr Roberts was summoned to the stage first, working the catwalk with all the finesse of the Tin Man, whilst modelling Messy Martin's T-Shirt. Mrs Woods then fell victim to the cause, following her fit of laughter at the expense of Miss Spring's less than impressive attempts to catch a giant pea. Year 6 enjoyed 'The Journey' and children held the scenery up around the room, with Mrs Nicol taking on the role of the boat. A school favourite (*and reason for the gate music this week*) 'Shaun the Shy Shark' was also enjoyed by this age group - with the children helping to tell the story using props. Mr Stratton took on the role of Shaun and led the dancing to 'Boogie Wonderland'. As always, it was the children who had the last and loudest laugh. All were thoroughly entertained by both Neil's magnificent storytelling and the 'dancing' and acting skills of their teachers.

The pupils were superb during the event, while staff, as ever, were such great sports.

**THANK YOU NEIL - WHAT AN AMAZING DAY!**



## Important Messages Please read

**Menu** - Since we are unable to access our normal supplies- next week the Chicken Burger option has slightly different Allergy Information. Please see below...

The Chicken Burger will contain **Gluten, Milk, Celery** and may contain **Mustard & Soya**.

**Admissions**- There is only one more week to apply for a school place. **BY 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022.**

If you have a child wanting to start Reception class in September - **PLEASE DO IT NOW!**

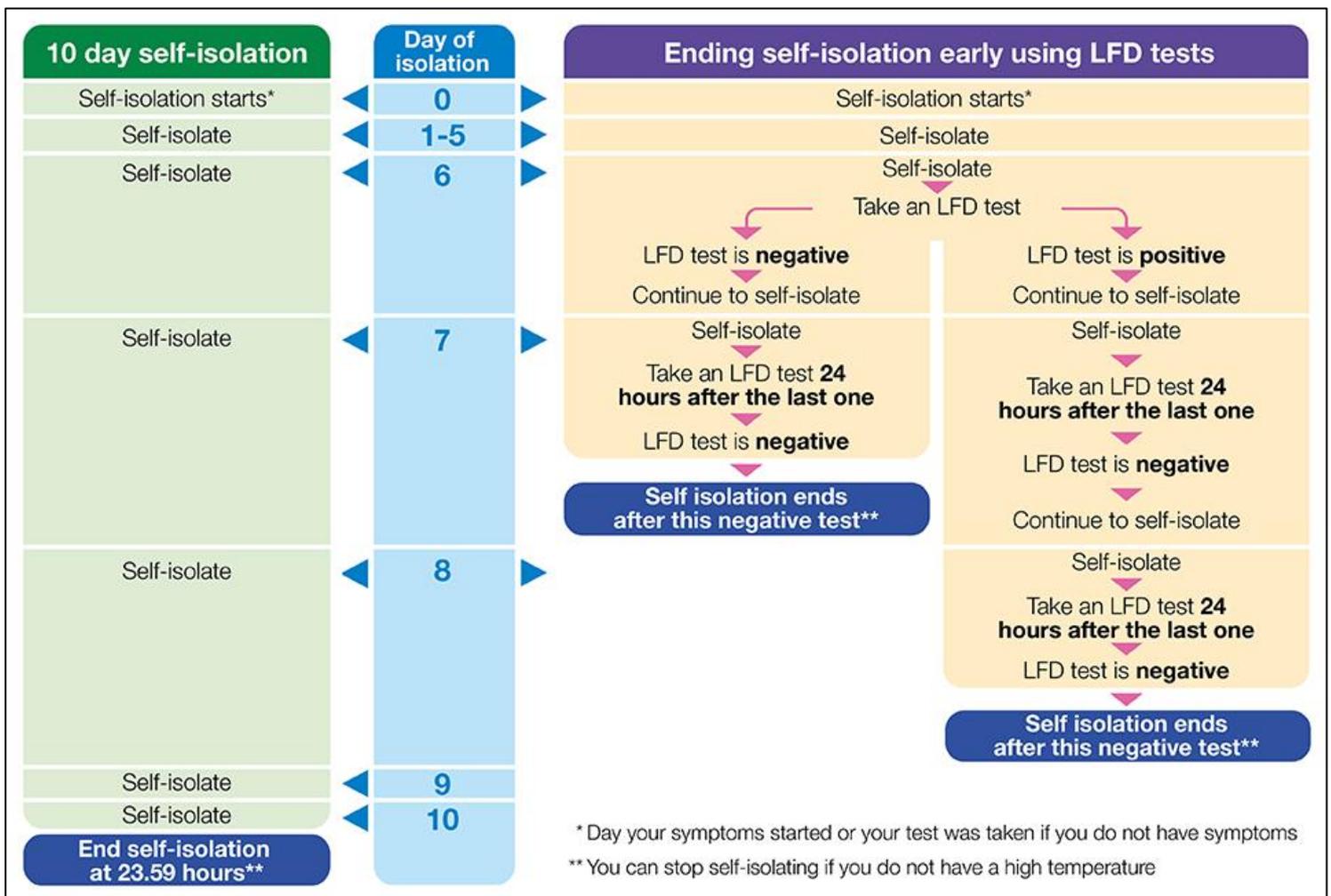
You do not automatically get a place **YOU HAVE TO APPLY. Closing date 15/01/2022**

[https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20071/school\\_places\\_and\\_admissions](https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20071/school_places_and_admissions)



## This chart comes into effect once you have tested positive (ALL People not just school!)

- The Green section shows the 10-day isolation period
- The Blue section shows the day within that period
- The Purple section gives a flowchart of how to stop isolating from day 7 **if you test negative twice 24 hours apart on days 6 and 7**. Take an LFD Test around 7am on Day 6 - if negative do it again at 7am on Day 7. If both are negative, you can return on Day 7 and not wait until Day 8.
- BUT, if either of these are positive you must continue testing until you get 2 negative tests which are 24 hours apart **OR complete the 10 days**.



To further reduce the chance of passing COVID-19 on to others, if you end your self-isolation period before 10 full days you are strongly advised:

- to limit close contact with other people outside your household, especially in crowded, enclosed or poorly ventilated spaces
- to work from home if you can
- in addition to venues where it is a legal requirement, to wear a face covering in crowded, enclosed or poorly ventilated spaces and where you are in close contact with other people
- to limit contact with anyone who is at higher risk of severe illness if infected with COVID-19



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# CHILDREN'S HEALTH



## WINTER YOUNG PERSON'S AND CHILDREN'S CLINIC



- ACHING MUSCLES
- CONTINUOUS COUGH
- HIGH TEMPERATURE
- LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL
- NEW FATIGUE
- SHORTNESS OF BREATH
- NASAL CONGESTION
- PERSISTENT HEADACHE



**DEDICATED ACUTE  
ILLNESS CLINIC FOR  
2-17 YEAR OLDS**



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We are excited to announce a new service for children living in Swindon lead by an experienced team of GPs and Advanced Clinical Practitioners

We are aware that children are more likely to be unwell during the winter months, therefore have created this service to allow easier access for medical care when needed and ease the demand on local surgeries



### OTHER SERVICES AVAILABLE FOR MEDICAL ADVICE

#### NHS WEBSITES

[www.nhs.uk/conditions](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions)



[www.whenshouldiworry.com](http://www.whenshouldiworry.com)



<https://bswccg.nhs.uk/your-health/hospital-care/childrens-health>

#### PHARMACIES

The local pharmacies are a quick and easy way to discuss your symptoms and get treatment plans

#### 111

A 24/7 triage service designed to help assess your current symptoms

<https://111.nhs.uk>

