

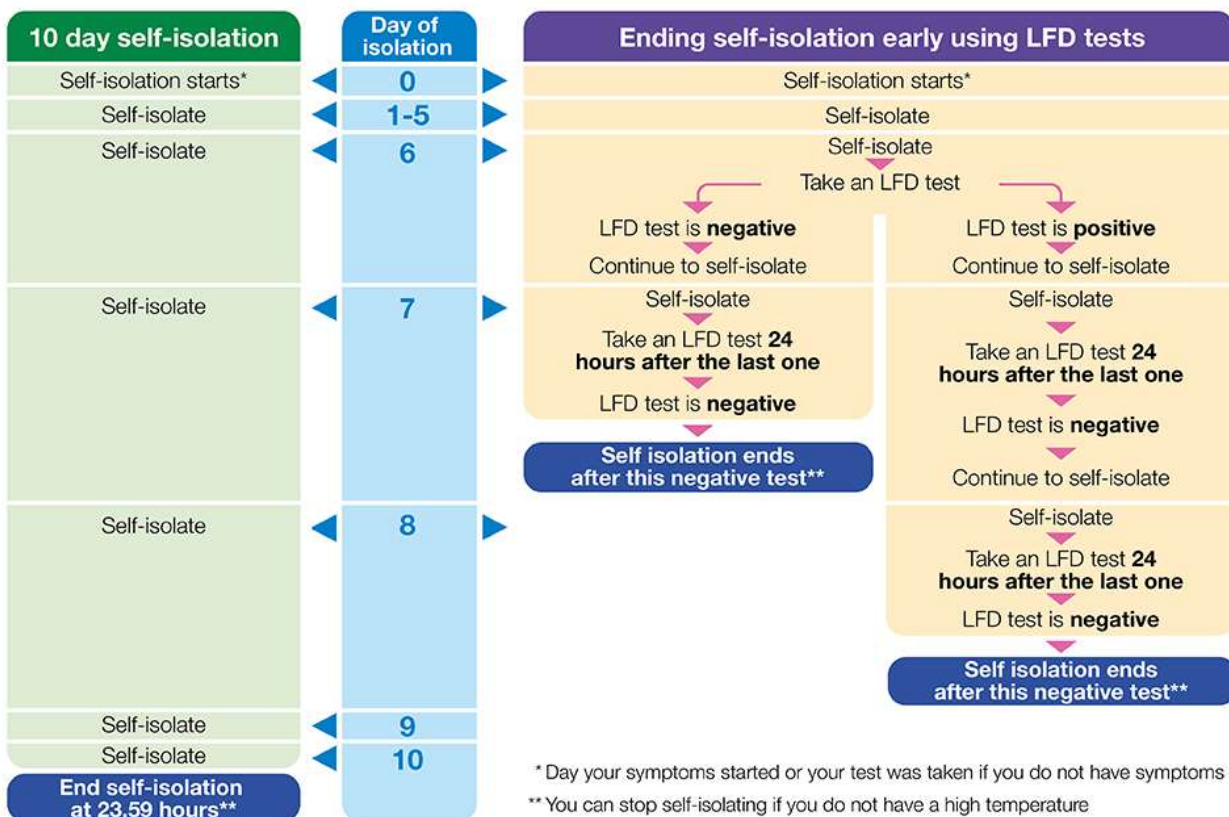
7<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Good Evening

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The Omicron virus has continued to bite this week. Today we have 1 confirmed case on the staff and 8 cases in children. The rules are about to change again - Confirmatory PCR tests following a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test result are to be temporarily suspended from Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January. This will mean that anyone who receives a positive LFD test result will be required to self-isolate immediately and will not be required to take a confirmatory PCR test. Please let us know if your child has a positive LFD test, as we have to complete paperwork for the Department of Education every day and let us have a copy of your positive result confirmation which you should receive when you register your test result on the Covid-19 test results web page. We are still getting our heads around this new guidance so please do not hesitate to ask for advice about what you should do but be patient with us if we have to check the DFE paperwork to make sure we get it right!

At Hythe Bay we will continue to follow department of Education, Local Authority and UKHSA guidelines for schools. Staff test twice weekly and if contacted by Track and Trace because they have been in contact with someone who has Covid-19 – they are testing daily. Attached is a chart to help you work out when children should be tested if they want to return to school before day 10 of their isolation are below. I have sent out an updated risk assessment and contingency plan for Covid-19 – not much has changed really - but we continue to follow department of Education, Local Authority and UKHSA guidelines for schools.



The new furniture in the Learning Zone looks amazing and the new books started to arrive this week, a wonderful resource for the school.

A growing number of children seem to be arriving late to school in the morning. School gates and classroom doors open at 8.40am and school starts promptly at 8.50am, children should be in their classes ready to learn at that time. Rarely can lateness be blamed on children, and every day we see children upset because they are missing the learning at the beginning of the school day. Late arrival means they often do not know what they should be doing because they have missed the initial teacher input, they have not had time to chat with their friends and teachers before learning starts, they are anxious about coming into school because the lesson has started and they are not ready to learn because their mornings have been rushed and tense. Please do all you can to get your children into the classroom on time and ready to start learning at 8.50am.

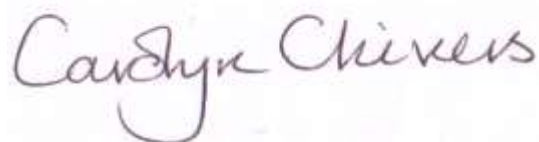
The weather, this time of year can be quite cold and it is important that children are dressed appropriately – they all need coats. Lots of our learning takes place outside, particularly PE. So please make sure your child has clothes for winter games lessons in their PE bag - jogging bottoms and sweatshirts and gloves and hats – they usually get hot before the end of the lesson and start to shed their clothes – so named clothes are essential.

The local Rainbow Group are looking for new members. They meet every Tuesday from 4.30pm – 5.45pm at the Guide Hall in St Nicholas Road. Children from age five to seven can attend. If your child is interested in joining – go to the Girl Guide website for more information

We have been informed by Southern Water that from 12<sup>th</sup> February 2022 for 10 working days there will be no parking in Cinque Ports Avenue because they will be repairing a sewer. This work will begin during the holidays but may well spill over into term 4. When we get more details we will share them with you but those who usually park in Cinque Ports Avenue will probably have to make alternative arrangements. Remember the car park on the other side of the Green is free at drop off and pick up times.

On Monday we will send out the Term 3 Curriculum Overviews for KS1 and KS2, (YR send out a weekly newsletter as their curriculum is based on children's changing interests in school), these documents will help you understand what the children will be learning this term in school. If you have any queries about what they will be learning this term, please do not hesitate to speak with your child's class teacher.

Have a great weekend and keep safe



Carolyn Chivers  
Headteacher

<b>Dates for your Diary</b>	
11 <sup>th</sup> January	Mrs Head's class Worship
14 <sup>th</sup> January	Mrs Mackenzie's class Worship
18 <sup>th</sup> January	Mrs Short / Mrs Apps' class Worship
21 <sup>st</sup> January	Mrs Trigg/ Mrs Tarchetti's class Worship
28 <sup>th</sup> January	Mr Donald's class Worship
4 <sup>th</sup> February	Miss Cobb's class Worship
11 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day of term 3
21 <sup>st</sup> February	First day of term 4
25 <sup>th</sup> February	Miss Flaxton's class Worship
4 <sup>th</sup> March	Mrs Wiles' class Worship
7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evenings
11 <sup>th</sup> March	Mr Gollop's class Worship
18 <sup>th</sup> March	Mrs Witham's class Worship
25 <sup>th</sup> March	Miss West's class Worship
Week beginning 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Y6 Residential
1 <sup>st</sup> April	Last day of term 4
19 <sup>th</sup> April	First day of term 5
2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Bank Holiday – no school
May	Y2 taking KS1 SATs (National Testing)
Week beginning 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 taking KS2 SATS (National Testing)
27 <sup>th</sup> May	End of Term 5
6 <sup>th</sup> June	Start of term 6
Week beginning 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Phonics check Y1 and Y2 (National Testing)
From 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Multiplication Check Y4 (National Testing)
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of school year – Change of date additional day holiday given to schools for Queen's Platinum Jubilee