



St Hugh of Lincoln
Catholic Primary School
In faith and love, we learn and grow



Newsletter 7 January 2022

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to the new term; I hope you all had a good Christmas and New Year and managed to stay healthy and well.

Epiphany

On Thursday, we celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany. Our RE Followers had the big responsibility of processing around to each classroom to announce and celebrate the arrival of the Three Kings at the stable.



We also had a special Epiphany challenge to see whether the children could work out what these strange door markings mean. Any ideas anyone?



Learning about the liturgical year in year 3



Year 3 created beautiful artwork to show their 'journey through a year', as an introduction to their new RE topic 'Journeys'. This week, they have also learnt about the Liturgical calendar and the colours used at different times.

RE in year 6

Year 6 went to the library this week to look at different sources, which is their new RE topic. They thought about how the purpose of different books and how they enrich our lives.



The Surrey - avoid car park next Friday afternoon

We have had a request from the Surrey Pub to ask if parents could avoid parking there at the end of the day next Friday (14th) when coming to pick up their children from school. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Closing date for Reception place applications for Sept 2022 – 15th January 2022

A final reminder that the closing date for Reception class places in September is 15th January. The birth rate has dropped considerably in the area and Surrey are predicting a surplus of places again next year. I would really appreciate it if you could help us by spreading the word about our wonderful school and encouraging anyone you know with a child due to start school next year to apply to join us!

Happy Bag Collection next Monday

The next Happy Bag collection will take place on Monday 10th January. If you need to drive up to school to drop off yours bags, please do this on Sunday 9th January and leave them under the shelter by the school office. This is a great opportunity to declutter your cupboards whilst raising money for our school.

Does anyone have any costume jewellery to donate to Reception class?

Mrs Barker has asked whether anyone has any costume jewellery they no longer need? If so, Reception class are looking for donations to top up their dressing up corner and would be very grateful for anything you no longer want.

Covid impact on school

As I said in my email on Wednesday, we have had quite a lot of staff absent with Covid this week, which has meant that a different adult may have taught your child. Unfortunately, this is highly likely to continue into the coming weeks. We are trying our very best to cover classes and keep on top of everything, but with fewer staff, it is inevitable that things might take a little longer than we would like or things may unintentionally slip through the net. Many thanks for being so understanding and bearing with us as we work through this. I just want to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to the staff who are able to be in school and are picking up the extra work to allow us to make things as normal as possible for the children.

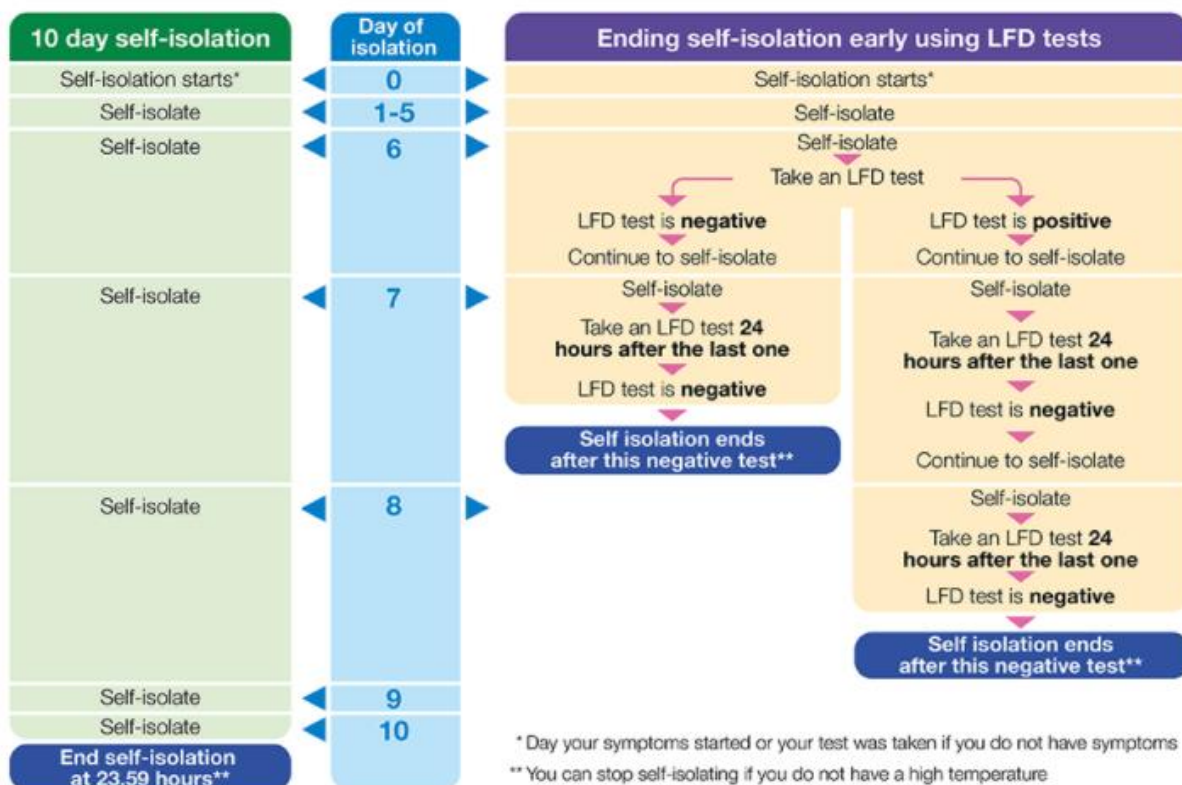
New Covid testing Rules

The Government have announced that confirmatory PCR tests following a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test result will be temporarily suspended from Tuesday 11 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.

New Covid Isolation Rules

The guidance on isolation periods has changed recently, but I found the following flowchart helpful in deciding how long someone needs to isolate if they have tested positive:

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



This chart came from the following government document that you may find helpful if someone in your household tests positive:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection?utm_source=4%20January%202022%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19#SymptomsPositiveTest

If someone in your household or a close contact tests positive your child should take an LFD test every day for 7 days and continue to attend school unless they develop symptoms or return a positive test result.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

God bless, Mrs Harper