



St. Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

Growing Together in Faith, Love & Learning

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Dear Parent/Carer,

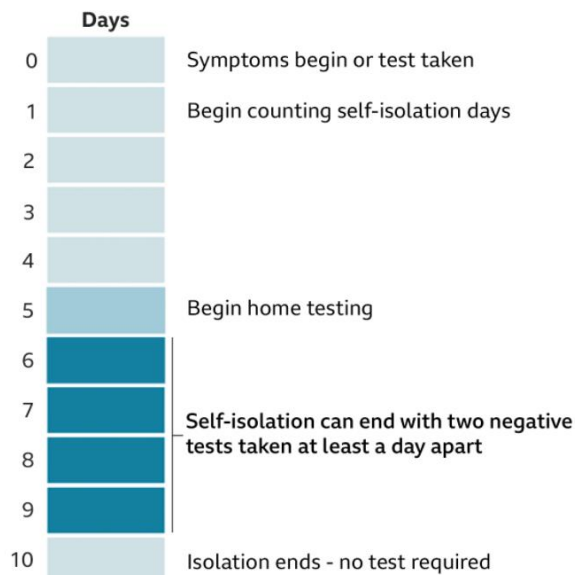
I hope that you and your families are staying safe and well.

Over the last fortnight, the government have changed their guidance regarding testing and isolation requirements. I feel it is important I keep you informed of the latest guidance that we are now following.

From today, 17th January 2022, the compulsory isolation requirement has been reduced to a minimum of 5 days if you have two clear lateral flow tests on consecutive days after day 5. However, you must continue to isolate for up to 10 days if your lateral flow tests remain positive or you are symptomatic.

For staff or children to return to school on day 6, they will need a clear lateral flow test on the morning of day 6 (morning of day 5 and day 6 is our recommendation). Family and close contacts do not have to isolate but should carry out 7 days of lateral flow tests.

How five-day isolation rule works in England



Source: NHS



The rules apply whether you are vaccinated or not.

We are still following our risk assessment within school to keep the school community safe with:

- Key stage bubbles for assemblies.
- Staggered breaks and lunchtimes.
- Negative lateral flow tests required for any visitors to school.
- Use of CO2 monitors in classrooms.
- Ventilation of classrooms with windows and doors open.
- Face masks worn in communal areas (unless exempt).
- Increased cleaning still remains.
- 'Soft opening' and 'soft closing' times to allow free flow of adults.

Please do come and see me on the gate or contact school if you would like any further information and I will keep you up to date with any other correspondence that I receive. I want to thank you for your ongoing co-operation and support to ensure that education and learning continues throughout these difficult times.

Take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "H Crowder".

Mrs. Helen Crowder
Headteacher