

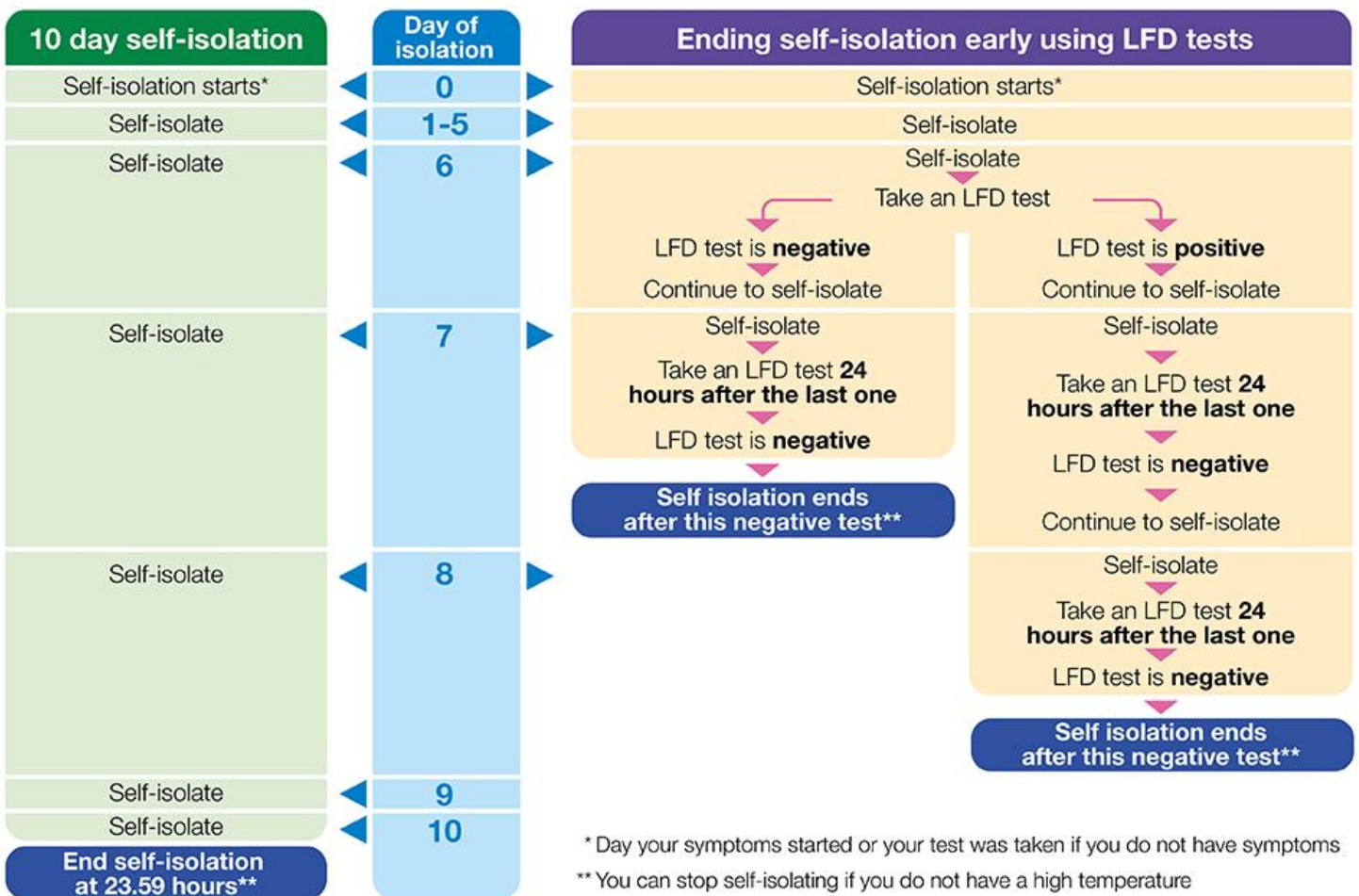
5th January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Please find below more detailed guidance as promised to support you in following the latest government guidance on COVID identification and isolation.

Please remember that every case of COVID in school, however mild, has the potential to impact on staffing and staffing levels are crucial in order to ensure that all pupils continue to have face to face education in school every day. By working together to minimise spread in this way we are much more likely to achieve this ambition. Please keep the flow chart on the second page handy to help you and your family follow the guidance.

Government guidance now states that the isolation period for a positive case can be reduced to 7 days providing you have 2 negative lateral flow tests on days 6 and 7 and you do not have a high temperature. The diagram below outlines this process in more detail.



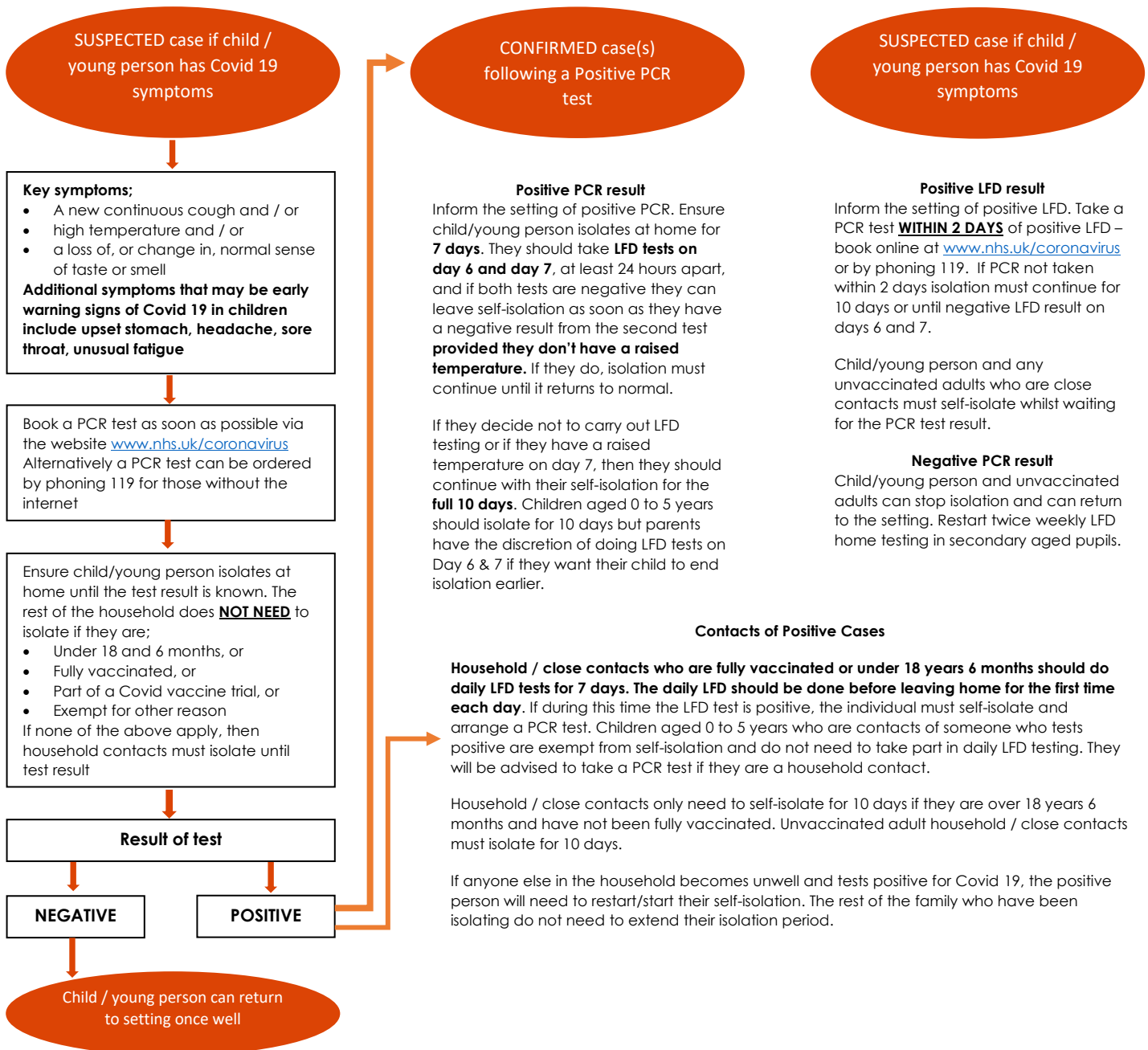
From [Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection)

We thank you for your ongoing support.

Ann Davey
 Chief Executive Officer

COVID 19 GUIDANCE FOR PARENTS / CARERS FROM 23RD DECEMBER 2021

For any SUSPECTED or CONFIRMED case of Covid 19 in a child / young person please follow the flowchart



- **With the emergence of the highly transmissible Omicron Variant, we continue to ask families/children to wash hands regularly, keep spaces well ventilated, wear face coverings (if aged 11 and over) in crowded public indoor areas, maintain distance, get vaccinated and take LFD tests prior to meeting people outside your household.**
- At Montsaye Academy, face-coverings are to be worn by all pupils (unless exempt), including on transport to and from school.
- LFD test = Lateral Flow Device tests are rapid tests that can be used at home and the result is available within 30 minutes.
- PCR test = polymerase chain reaction test that can be booked online and is sent to a lab for the result
- If you have previously received a positive Covid 19 test result within the past 90 days and you are identified as a contact of someone with Covid 19 you should not take a PCR test. You should only take a PCR test if you develop any NEW symptoms of Covid 19 or if you have a positive LFD test result or if you are required to take a PCR test upon entry into the UK.
- LFD tests are used for identifying Covid 19 infection where there are no symptoms. If you have symptoms always book at PCR test.
- LFD tests are safe to use in pregnancy. They are not recommended for children under 5 years of age but can be used at parent / guardian discretion.
- If you have had a Covid 19 vaccination you should still take part in the LFD testing as you may still be able to transmit the virus.
- If you have had a recent nosebleed, or have a nose piercing, use the other nostril to swab for the LFD test. Always follow the instructions on the pack as there are different types of LFD test