17th January 2022

Dear Parents

Covid cases locally are 956.9 per 100,000, and in school 9% positive confirmed cases (still awaiting 3 further test results). Due to this, we have made the decision to keep classes separate wherever we can. Please help us with this by:

Start of day

8:40 Swaledale parents and children to wait in the car park
Woodlands parents and children to wait at the gate

When the staff come out to welcome you, Swaledale class should make their way into school whilst Woodlands wait for their turn.

8:50 Cotswold parents and children to wait in the car park
Portland parents and children to wait at the gate

When the staff come out to welcome you, Cotswold class should make their way into school whilst Portland wait for their turn.

End of day

3:10 Swaledale parents to wait in the car park
Woodlands patents to wait at the gate

Once children are out, Swaledale parents should make their way through the car park first followed by Woodlands parents.

3:15 Cotswold parents to wait in the car park
Portland parents to wait at the gate

Once the children are out, Cotswold parent should make their way through the car park first followed by Portland parents.

Anybody with siblings should arrive at the earliest time in the morning and collect at the latest time in the afternoons and drop off/collect both children at once.

TESTING

A large proportion of those children who are absent school have been picked up through Lateral Flow Testing. Many children do not show any symptoms of Covid but due to being in contact with the virus, do actually have it themselves and are contagious. Therefore, if your child has been in contact, ie in the same class, as somebody with Covid, even if they have no symptoms, it is imperative that they have lateral flow tests. You may be surprised and find out that they have got it, just like other parents have been.

We are aware of some pupils in school who have been feeling unwell recently, but because of the nature of their symptoms, parents have not been taking them for PCR's, as they have not been exhibiting the classic Covid symptoms. We wanted to make you aware of the list of symptoms that children have been experiencing and have then subsequently tested positive via either LFT or PCR:

Runny Nose	Sore Throat
Nausea	Stomach Ache
Headache	Tiredness
Generally feeling unwell	

If your child is experiencing any of these we would advise you take them for a PCR test.

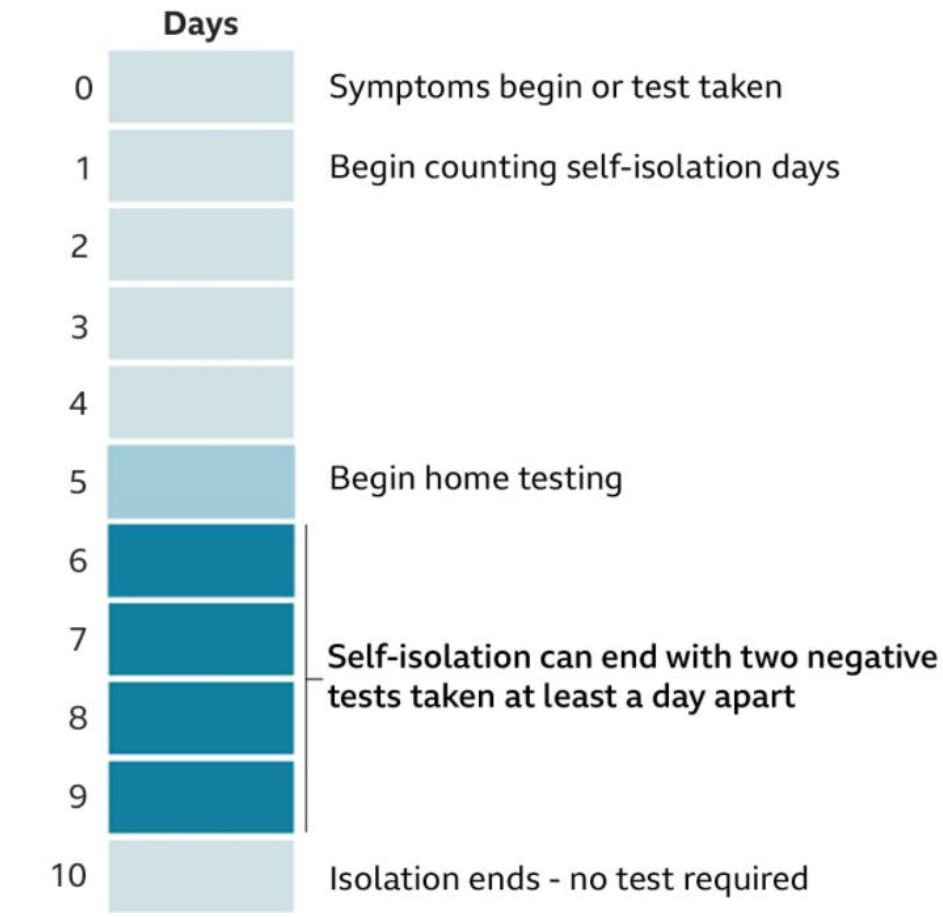
Please can we stress that it is important that you do not send your child to school dosed up on Calpol or the likes, as this may mask any further symptoms showing, and is unfair on the staff and other children in school, who could potentially be put at an increased risk of catching the virus.

Reminder : **No symptoms** but in contact with a case – take a **lateral flow**
Symptoms, even if mild, go for a **PCR**.

Case numbers for CV9 3QR 956.9 are currently per 100,000

ISCOLATION

There is some confusion as to when isolation begins after a positive test, so just to confirm the day that the positive test is taken is day zero, please see chart overleaf for full explanation.



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