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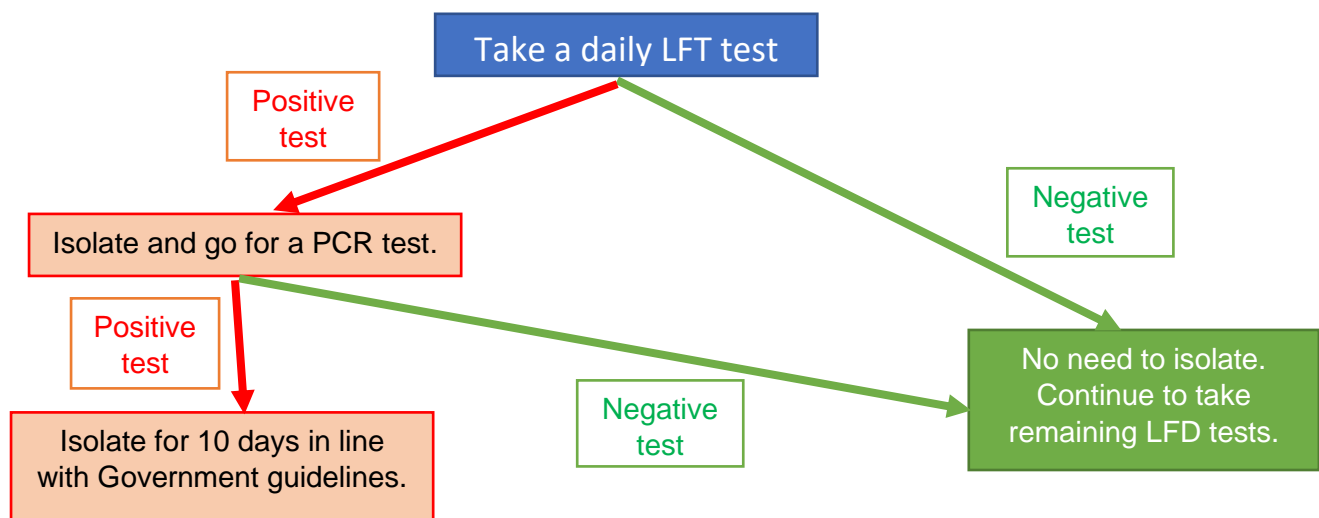
Dear Family,

I hope that you are well as we approach the end of the autumn term. Thank you for all your support throughout 2021. Your child has continued to show great resilience to take all the changes in their stride, whilst producing outstanding work and engaging in their learning.

Our schools will close for the Christmas holiday on Friday 17 December 2021.

Changes to guidance for testing close contacts of confirmed COVID cases:

Children aged between 5 and 18 years 6 months who are **identified by the NHS Test and Trace as being a close contact** of someone with a positive case of COVID-19 should now **take an LFD test every day for 7 days and follow these guidelines:**



What to do if your child has COVID-19 symptoms during the school holidays:

1. They must start to self-isolate immediately.
2. Book a PCR test for your child - <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or call 119.
3. Follow Government guidance and instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.
4. If your child is required to self-isolate beyond the end of the holidays, contact the school at the beginning of term to inform them of your child's absence due to self-isolation.

Testing before returning to school

Students should **take an LFD test before returning to school after the Christmas holidays**. This will be followed up by one in school test before a return to home testing.

I wish you all a happy Christmas and I hope that you get to spend some quality time with your families.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sir Mark Grundy,
CEO