

Mawnan CE VA Primary School Newsletter



Using our God-given gifts to let our light shine



Our core Christian Values: *Compassion, Hope, Peace, Perseverance, Respect, Trust*

Friday 28th January 2022

Dear Mawnan Families,

As we reach the end of this challenging week, we would like to thank you all for continued support. This has been one of our most difficult weeks since the pandemic began due to the surge in children testing positive over the weekend and throughout this week.

We've had confirmed cases in all classes and as a result 12% of our school population have been isolating at home. Well done to all of the children who have been learning at home; we have been extremely impressed with your dedication and the quality of work that you've been competing.

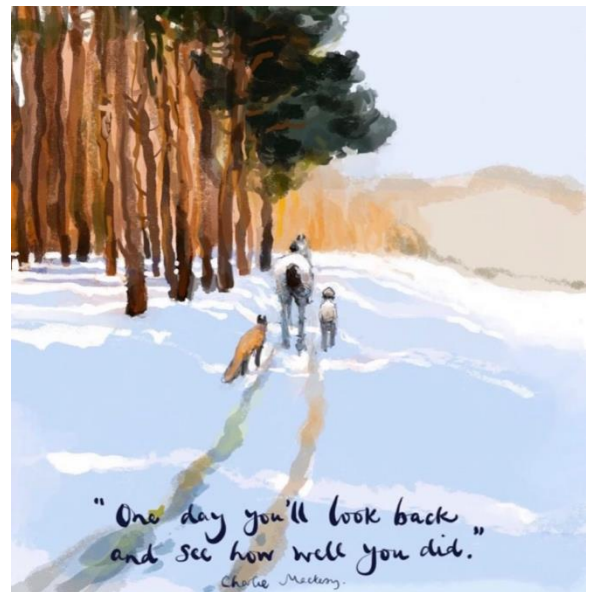
The children in school have continued to have a happy, calm and productive week and we're incredibly proud of them all.

With the high number of confirmed cases in children, it is inevitable that this will affect our staffing levels. Thank you to all of the staff team for going beyond to keep the school operational and all classes open this week. A special thank you to Mr Barnes, our capable Deputy Headteacher, for running the school so brilliantly during my absence.

We would like to wish all of our families and staff who are isolating a speedy recovery.

Best wishes for a lovely weekend,

Miss Pridmore



Please help us by reading the follow clarification about COVID-19 Tests

PCR tests – look for coronavirus genetic material and should be used when you have symptoms

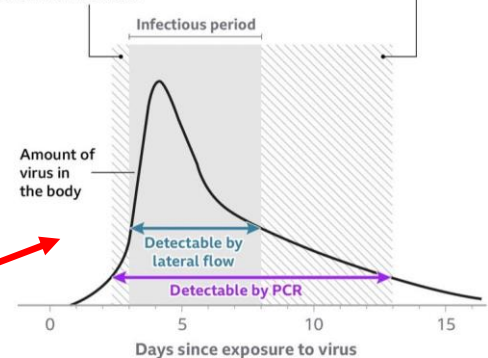
Lateral flow tests- detects antibodies created by the body to fight the virus

PCR tests are more accurate and pick the virus up sooner (however it is important that you don't test too soon). You no longer need to get a PCR to confirm a positive LFT.

How lateral flow tests and PCRs differ

PCR tests can detect Covid earlier than lateral flow tests - often before a person becomes infectious

PCR tests can also detect a Covid infection for several days after the infectious period



Source: Rethinking Covid-19 test sensitivity, New England Journal of Medicine **BJC**

The key principles of our contingency framework is to:

- maximise the number of children in face-to-face education and minimise any disruption in a way that best manages the COVID-19 risk
- ensure measures only affect the minimum number of children for the shortest time
- only restrict attendance as a last resort where all other risk mitigations have not broken chains of in-school transmission or when we cannot safely operate the school because of staffing levels

Common symptoms that we have experienced recently in school are:

- headache
- fever /temperature
- sore eyes
- upset tummy
- sneezing
- sore throat
- runny / blocked nose
- cough
- fatigue

This variant of COVID-19 appears to be more transmissible but most people have milder symptoms. This is why children displaying these symptoms, regardless of how mild, have been asked to get a PCR during this outbreak.

We appreciate that it is inconvenient for you to pick your child up from school and go for a PCR but this control measure only affects the minimum number of children for the shortest time. Closing the class for 10 days would affect the maximum number of children for the longest period of time.

This time will pass but for now our focus must remain on keeping the school staffed, open and our families safe. Your vigilance plays a key part in our ability to continue to keep the school open.

Covid-19 Testing

With symptoms

PCR tests

When to take the test

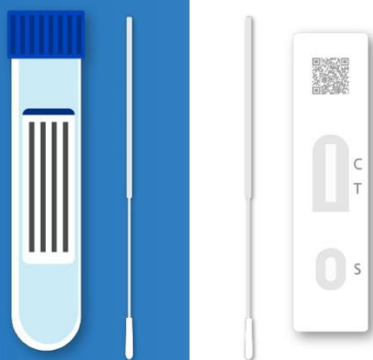
- If you have Covid-19 symptoms
- To confirm your positive lateral flow test result

How long it takes

- These tests are processed in labs
- Up to 72 hours, most results the next day

Get a test

- Order online
- At a test site
- Call 119



Find out more at [NHS.UK](https://www.nhs.uk) or call 119

Without symptoms

rapid lateral flow tests, rapid Covid-19 tests

When to take the test

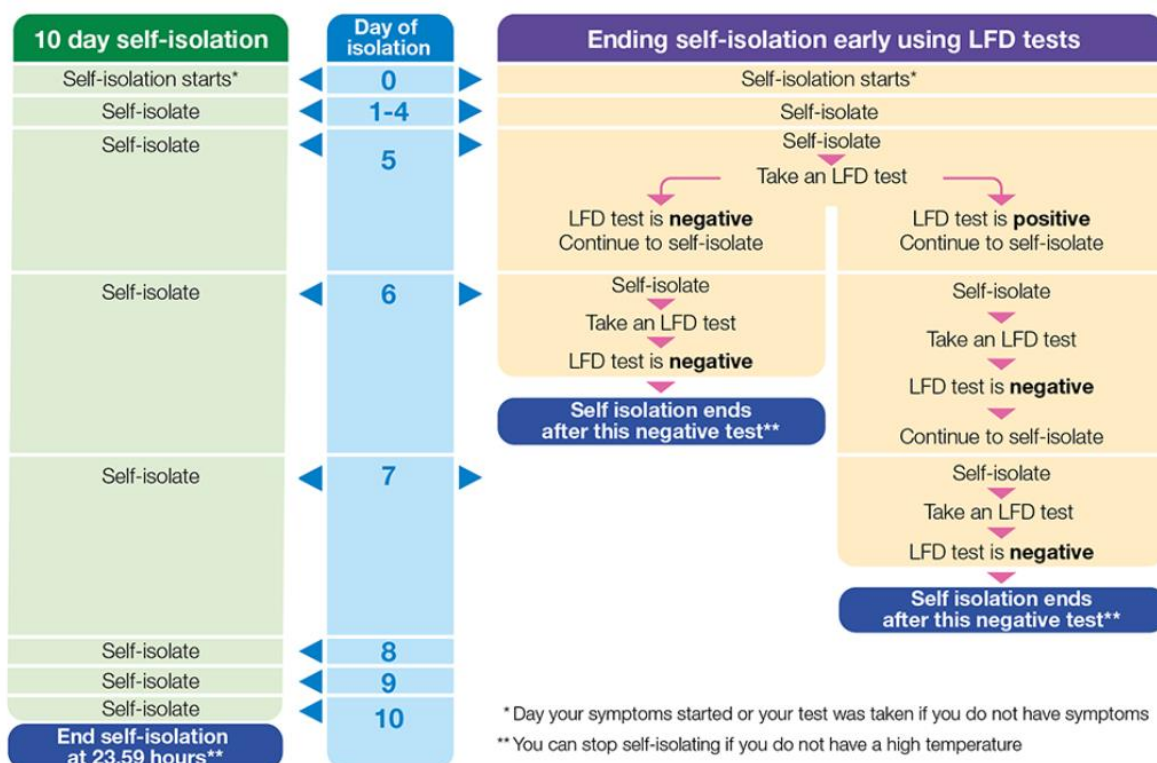
- If you do not have symptoms of Covid-19
- As part of routine testing twice a week

How long it takes

- Result processed by test device
- Around 30 minutes

Get a test

- Order online
- At a test site
- Call 119
- Participating workplaces and pharmacies



Upcoming Events

Please put these dates in your diaries:

January 2021

February 2021

11th Non-Uniform Day

(DRESS TO EXPRESS for Mental Health Week)

21st – 25th – Half term holiday

28th – Return to school

Attendance

One of our classes reached our attendance target of 98% this week.

Oppie – 85.98% 2 - late

Topper – 57.97% 0 - late

Pico – 91.94% 3 - late

Fusion – 86.65% 0 - late

Dart – 100% 1 - late

Well done Dart Class for having the highest attendance this week.

Term Dates

Our term dates and closure dates can be found here:

https://mawnancofeprimary.eschools.co.uk/web/term_dates/521213

St Piran's Day Art Competition

St. Piran's Day Art Competition

St. Piran is said to have travelled to Cornwall on a Millstone. How do you think he would have travelled today?



Would he have come
By speedboat?
On a surfboard?
On a paddleboard?
By balloon?
The choice is yours.



Age groups:

- Under 5 years
- 5-7 years
- 8 years and above

Using any medium you like, produce a picture of St. Piran coming across the sea from Ireland to Cornwall.

Prizes will be provided by The Princess Pavilion, and the winners announced by the Mayor at the Pavilion on the morning of Saturday, 5th March.

Please hand your completed entry in at the Princess Pavilion ticket office by Saturday, 26th February so that your artwork can be judged by the Mayor and an artist.

Mental Health Week – Growing Together

As part of our Growing Together week, Friday 11th Feb 2022 will be a non – uniform day where we would like the children to come dressed to theme “**Dress to Express.**”



**GROWING
TOGETHER**

**WE'RE TAKING PART IN
CHILDREN'S MENTAL
HEALTH WEEK**

childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk
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