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Dear Parents/Carers,

Once again, thank you for your support and encouragement. It has been lovely to speak to so many of you at the beginning and ends of the school day. Thank you for supporting our school and LA restrictions, including the wearing of face coverings on site.

As a school, we continue to follow our school systems for attendance; this includes our **first day response** to absence. If we have not heard from you on the morning of your child's absence, Mr Steadman or a member of the office team will contact you. This is a wellbeing call and an opportunity for us to support you with anything.

In light of the COVID pandemic, we are taking all necessary precautions to reduce risk of transmission in our school community. This includes following the clear guidance from Salford Public Health:

- Requesting that your child go home and be tested if they are displaying the main classic symptoms – **a cough, a high temperature, a loss of taste or smell.**
- *Strongly advising* that your child go home and be tested if they are displaying any non-classic symptoms – **vomiting/nausea/off your food, diarrhoea, extreme tiredness/sleeping more than usual, listless/restless/agitated, shortness of breath, feeling cold, headache, severe body aches, sore throat, congested or runny nose, skin rash, not feeling themselves.**

To access a test, go to www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test and, when prompted, click the box that says **"My local council has asked me to get a test, even though I do not have symptoms."**

On the next page is an outline of the process for household isolation in the event of a positive test.

If your child has a negative outcome but is still displaying symptoms, we politely request that your child stays at home until they are symptom-free.

During the first week of the Easter holidays, we will be asking that you keep us updated should your child display symptoms or need to go for a test. We play an active role in supporting and communicating with families should there be a positive case reported. You can contact us via our St Philip's email account or via the school phone number which will be diverted to a mobile phone. Phone calls will be responded to between 10:00am and 12:30pm each day for the first week.

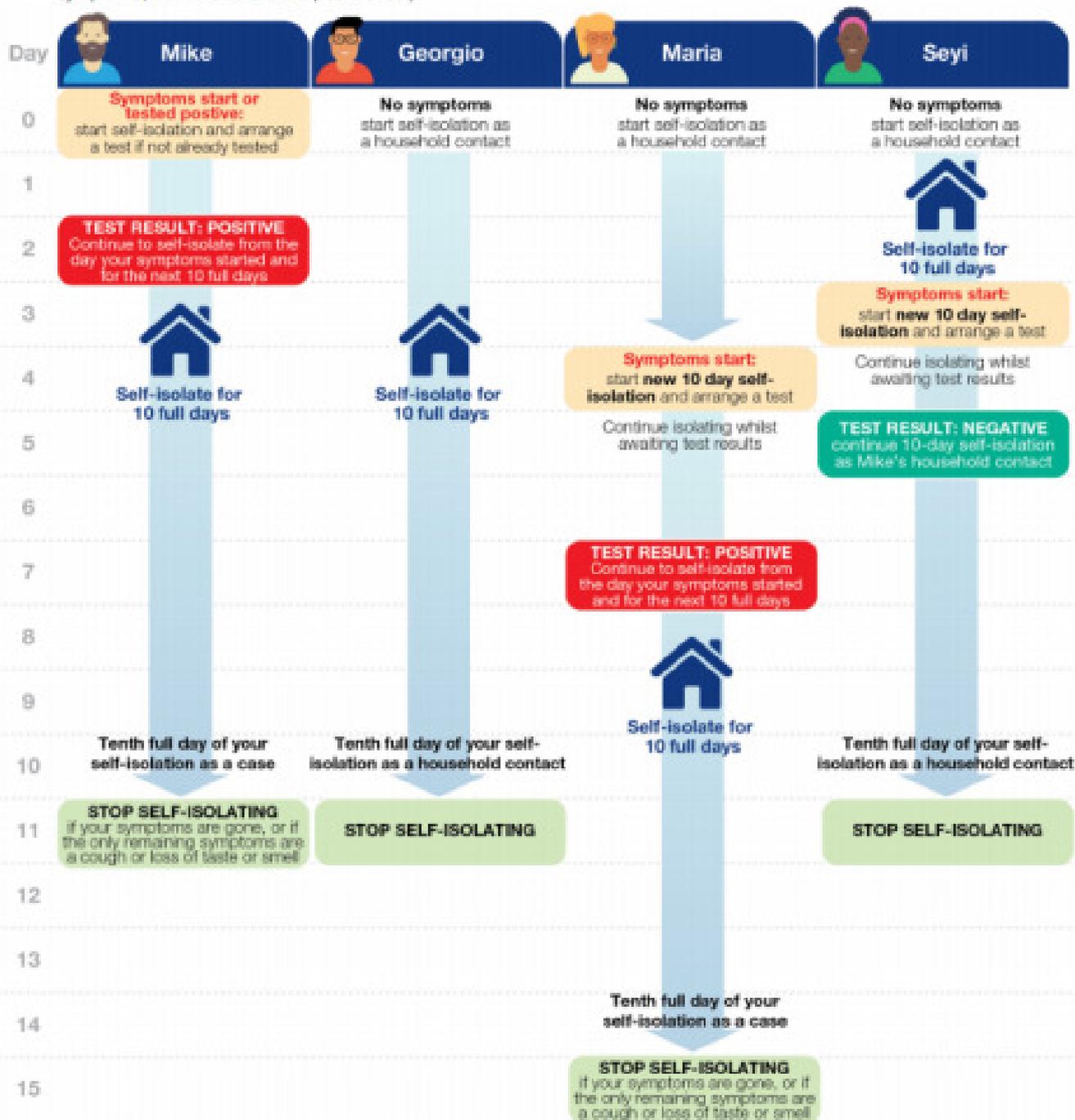
Lateral Flow Devices are used by all education staff and their families but we are aware that they have been made accessible to families in the community. These tests are not a replacement for a test if you are displaying symptoms. If you are displaying any of the symptoms above, you will be advised to book a test through the link above. We will not accept the results of a lateral flow test.

Thank you again and have a good weekend,

Stay at home and self-isolate.

Please see [detailed guidance online](#).

Mike's household: In this example, Mike lives with Georgio, Maria and Seyi. Mike is the first case of COVID-19 in this household. He and everyone in the household begin self-isolating from the day Mike's symptoms start (or if he had no symptoms, from the date of his positive test).



Self-isolate for 10 full days.

You need to self-isolate from the day the first person in your household started symptoms and for the next 10 full days. If they did not have symptoms, self-isolate from the day of their test and for the next 10 full days.

To self-isolate means:

Do not go to work, school, or public areas and do not use public transport or taxis. Only leave your home to get to your test if you need to, observe strict social distancing advice and return immediately afterwards.

