



Congratulations to our Stars of the Week

Class	w/ending 18/01/22	w/ending
RJG	School Closed	
RLB	today	
1MS		
1EK		
2FM		
2KB		
3JB		
3EB		
4KL		
4FK		
5CP		
5RW		
6SG		
6HW		



Dear All,

Well hello there everyone! Four months after my first visit to Eastbrook, I have finally arrived properly. And you have all been so wonderfully welcoming. Parents have been fabulously friendly on the gate, children have kept me merrily mobbed at playtimes and all of the staff have been wonderful.

Despite this being the last week of the half term, the pace of life at Eastbrook has not slowed down at all.

Netball: On Wednesday, our brave Netball team set out in near storm conditions to take on local schools in a netball tournament. They played with great courage and sporting attitude, scoring some great points and enjoying the chance to take part in the first competitive sport for a while.

PJ Day: Despite the stormy weather, a number of staff still made it to school wearing their pyjamas. Hopefully we can book a new date for the fundraiser, when the children can join in too!

Reach2: We had two visitors from Reach2 this week. Our new Deputy Director of Education, Justin Burrton popped over on Tuesday and Safeguarding lead Siobhan McCurdy came to Eastbrook on Thursday. They were both suitably impressed by our excellent children and the way we have bounced back brilliantly from Covid.

Attendance: One thing that our visitors did worry about was attendance at Eastbrook. We feel the same. Children need to come to school to get the education that they deserve—trips to see Granny, bad weather and horrible hair days are not good excuses to miss a day at school. This goes double for our **year 6** as they enter the last full half term before their SATS. While we want children to stay healthy, we also really want them to come to school **every day**.

And with that, we wish you all a lovely, restful and fun half term holiday.

Mr Wade—Headteacher

Attendance Update

Our whole school attendance currently stands at **93%** of pupils in class.

Please be reminded that classroom doors open at 8.45am and registers are taken from 8.50am. It is extremely important children are in school to avoid missed learning.

As a community we will continue to work together to ensure attendance remains as high as it can be in. Please see additional information in this newsletter regarding COVID –19 symptoms and latest advice from the government.

Start and finish Times

As we move into the second half of the spring term and as the number of COVID cases continue to decrease within our school community, locally and nationally, we amending our start and finish times.

	Start of Day	End of Day
Reception	Gate will open at 8.40 am Doors will open at 8.45am	Gate opens 2:55pm Classroom doors open 2:55pm
KS1 (Years 1 and 2)	Gate will open at 8.40 am Classroom doors will open at 8.40am	Gate opens 2:55pm Classroom doors open 2:55pm
KS2 (Y3-6)	Gate will open at 8.40am Staff will meet the children at their allocated door at 8.45am.	Gate opens 2:55pm Children dismissed from their allocated playground doors at 3:00pm

144 Challenge

A very well done to the following pupils who completed their 144 challenge. This involves answering 20 questions based on all the timetables up to and including the 12s.

Questions include finding the product of, multiplying two numbers and dividing.

Congratulations to:

Rijul C—4KL

Oscar P—4KL

Masun H—4KL



Term Dates for your Diary

Spring Term 2022

Thursday 3rd March	All	World Book Day
Tuesday 8th March	All	Art Competition Deadline
Friday 11th March	Y3	WOW Day
Friday 18th March	All	Red Nose Day
Monday 28th March	Y3	Chichester Planetarium Visit (letter to follow)

Spring 2022

Tuesday 4th January until Friday 8th April 2022

Half Term Monday 21st February until Friday 25th February

Last Day of Term Friday 8th April

Summer 2022

25th April-22nd July

Term Dates 2021/22



Spring Term

Half Term Monday 21st February until Friday 25th February 2022

Last Day of Term Friday 8th April 2022

Summer Term

Monday 25th April until Thursday 21st July 2022

School will be closed on Monday 25th April for INSET

School will be closed on Friday 22nd July for INSET

Half Term Monday 30th May until Friday 3rd June

Last Day of Term for pupils Thursday 21st July

Please note that INSET dates are subject to change.

COVID Information for Parents



Latest government advice from [Schools COVID-19 operational guidance - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/guidance/schools-covid-19-operational-guidance)

Symptoms of COVID-19

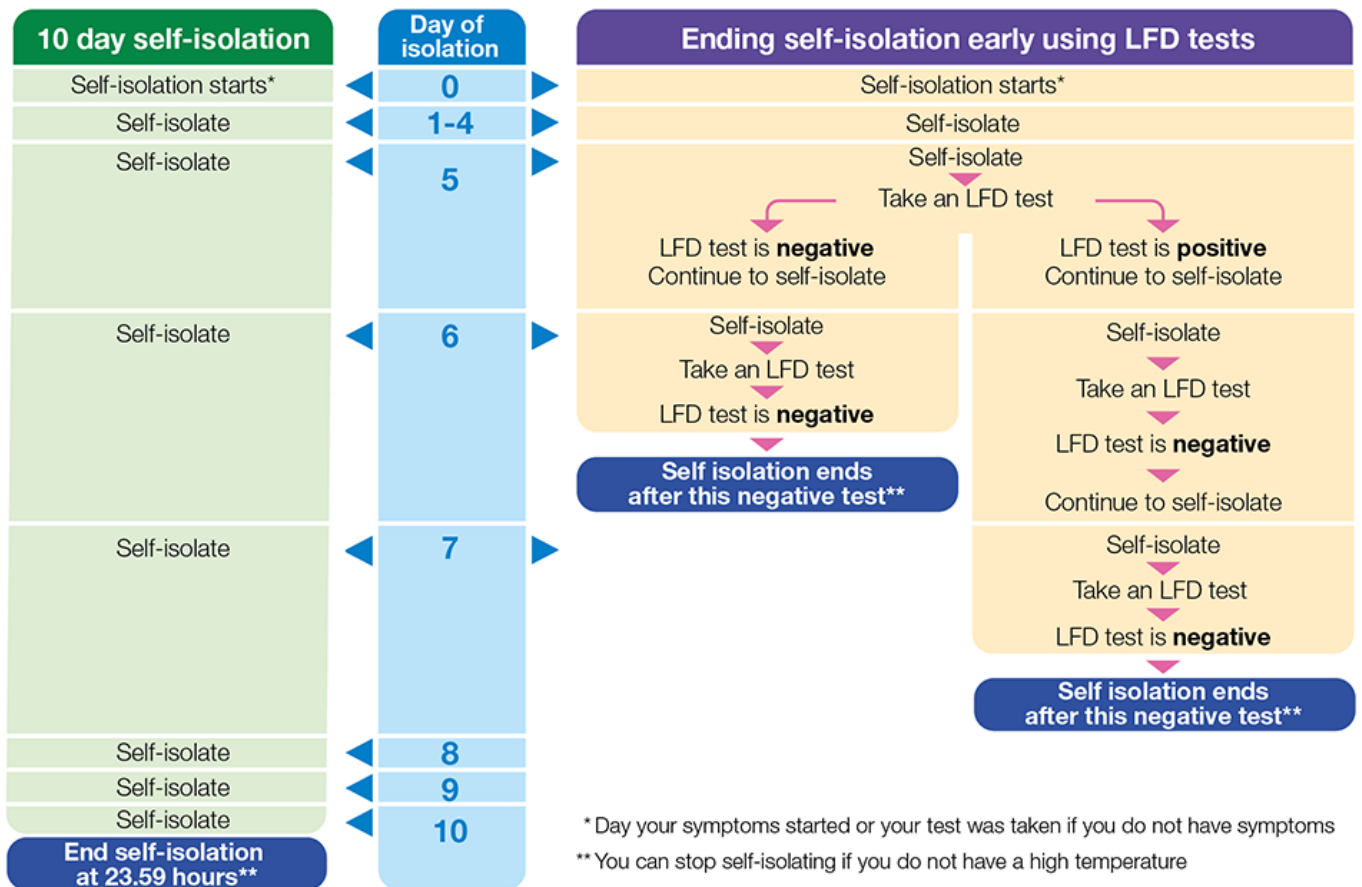
The government recommends that if your child has any of the three main symptoms (see below) associated with COVID-19, then it is advisable to order and take a PCR test. Your child will need to remain at home until they have the test result back and are not allowed visitors. They may leave the house to have the PCR test.

The three main symptoms are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If your child tests positive on a Lateral Flow Device, but **are not displaying any symptoms** (asymptomatic), then they will be required to self isolate immediately. A PCR test does not need to be ordered.

When children reach day 6, of their isolation period, a lateral flow test can be taken. If they receive a negative result on day 6 and another negative result on day 7 (24 hours apart), then their isolation finishes. However, it is important that they continue to remain cautious. Please see diagram below:



Tracing close contacts and self-isolation

Close contacts will now be identified via NHS Test and Trace and education and childcare settings not expected to undertake contact tracing, instead a Warn and Inform letter will be sent.

As with positive cases in any other setting, NHS Test and Trace will work with the positive case to identify close contacts. Contacts from a setting will only be traced by NHS Test and Trace where the positive case and/or their parent or carer specifically identifies the individual as being a close contact. This is likely to be a small number of individuals who would be most at risk of contracting COVID-19 due to the nature of the close contact. You may be contacted in exceptional cases to help with identifying close contacts, as currently happens in managing other infectious diseases.

If your child is well

The school remains open. If your child remains well, they can continue to attend school as normal. This will kept under review.

In addition to daily LFD testing for close contacts, we encourage household members aged 11 and over to continue with twice weekly LFD testing to help identify cases promptly.

If you think your child is a close contact but has not been contacted directly by NHS Test and Trace, then we would advise they undertake daily LFD tests for a period of 7 days. This advice applies to children aged 5 and over. Whilst daily testing for 7 days is your choice, it is strongly encouraged as it helps to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in your community. LFD tests are available via community testing sites, local pharmacies or you can order [online](#) for home delivery.

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19 or tests positive for COVID-19

If your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), they should get a PCR test (<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or call 119) and remain at home at least until the result is known and they are fever free (without medication) for at least 24 hours.

If negative, the child can end self-isolation and return to school once well;

If positive, the child should isolate as a positive case (see below)

People who test positive for COVID-19 should self-isolate at home until they are well (48 hours fever free) and *either*:
10 full days have passed, *or*
They have produced two negative LFD tests at least 24 hours apart, with the first taken no earlier than day 6.

Instructions for people who live in the same household as someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 or is symptomatic and awaiting a test result

NHS Test and Trace will contact you to check whether you are legally required to self-isolate. If you are not legally required to self-isolate, you will be provided with advice on testing, **advised to take extra caution**, and given guidance on preventing the spread of COVID-19.

Those who are [clinically extremely vulnerable](#) should be supported to minimise their contact with other people in the household during this period, regardless of whether others have symptoms or not.

You are **not** required to self-isolate [if any of the following apply](#):

You are fully vaccinated

You are below the age of 18 years 6 months

You have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial

You are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Fully vaccinated means that you have been vaccinated with an MHRA approved COVID-19 vaccine in the UK, and at least 14 days have passed since you received the recommended doses of that vaccine (note this is currently under review and may be updated to include a booster dose in due course).

In line with national guidance for households with Covid-19 infection, household and other close contacts of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 should undertake **daily LFD testing for a period of 7 days** or for 10 days from their last contact with the positive case (whichever is first). This is recommended for all close contacts aged 5 and over who are not required to isolate. [LFD tests are available via community testing sites, local pharmacies or you can order online](#) for home delivery.