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Dear Parents and Carers

COVID-19: Home testing for asymptomatic secondary school children

Yesterday was the final day of our onsite asymptomatic LFD testing for COVID-19 for students in school. Our testing team has coordinated 4,000 tests, yielding only two positive results - a rate of 0.005%.

Moving forward, **asymptomatic** student testing now becomes home-based and students who have consented to testing should follow the government's guidance, to test twice each week. All students have been given their home testing kits (six tests in total), which equates to two tests per week, for the next three weeks. We anticipate more home testing kits will be sent to the school and we will ensure that these are given to all consenting students before the Easter break.

To limit potential close contacts, and to help the school and families plan for the week ahead, we would request that all students conduct one of these tests on a Sunday afternoon/evening, prior to returning to school on Monday. The second test should then be taken on Wednesday or Thursday, preferably in the afternoon or evening.

If the LFD test is negative, no action is required, although the NHS have requested that negative and invalid results are reported to them via www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result.

If the LFD test is positive, your household must self-isolate immediately, you must report the positive result to the NHS and inform the school by email via info@rosebery.surrey.sch.uk so we can start to compile a list of potential close contacts. You should then book a confirmatory PCR test for your child as soon as possible. Please also call the absence line so we can record your child's absence appropriately.

If the confirmatory PCR test is negative, your household will no longer be required to self-isolate and your child can return to school upon receipt of the result – please forward confirmation of the result to the school and call the absence line so we know when to expect your child to return.

If the confirmatory PCR test is positive, your household will need to continue to stay at home and self-isolate for a full ten days. NHS Test and Trace will contact you to provide additional guidance, including confirmation of isolation dates.

The full 'Stay at home' guidance for households with confirmed, or possible, coronavirus infection can be found via the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

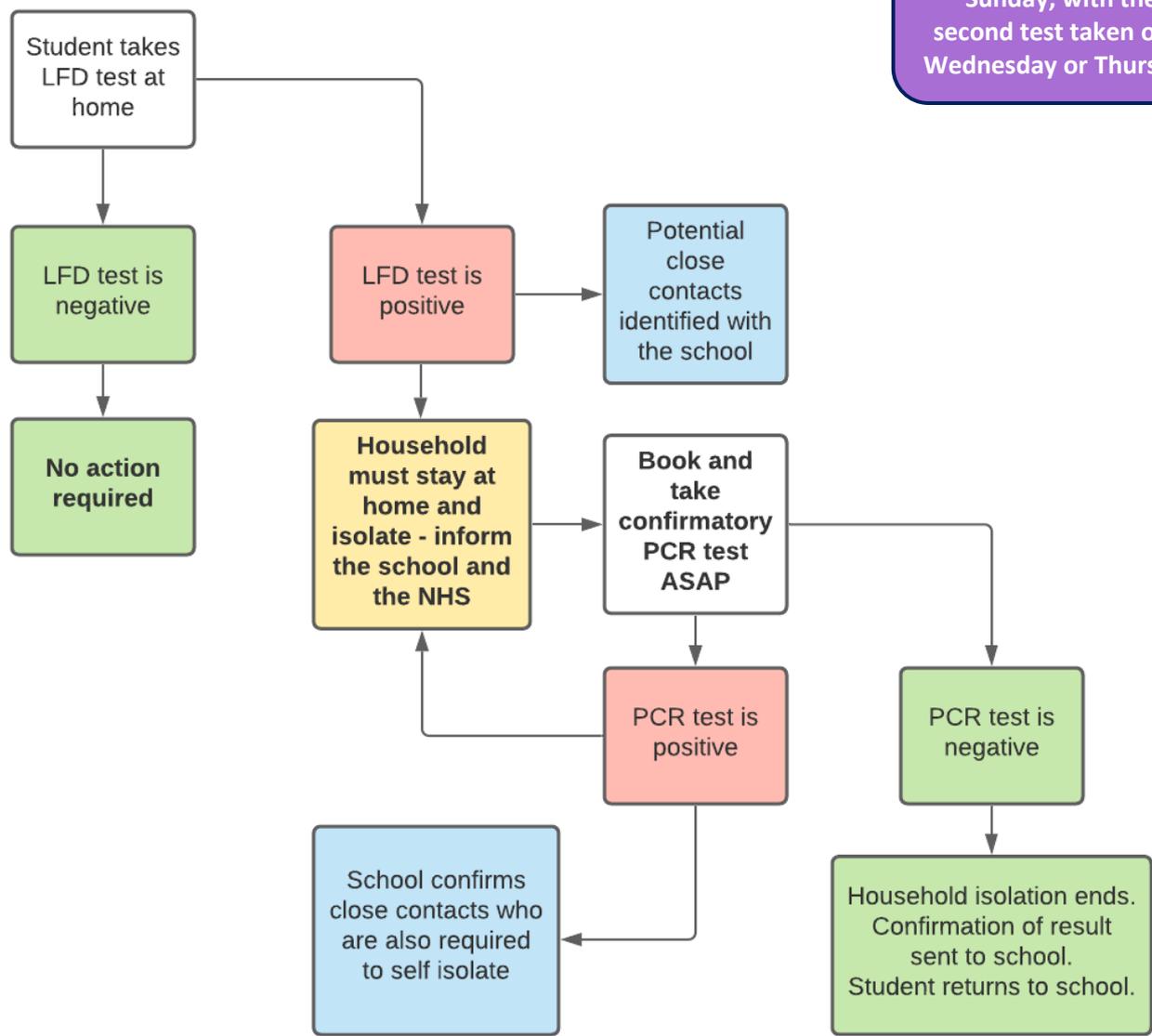
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Flow chart summary for Rosebery Home LFD Testing

One home LFD test should be taken every Sunday, with the second test taken on a Wednesday or Thursday



If you have any queries or require any additional information in relation to this next phase of student testing in the home please email info@rosebery.surrey.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely

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