

Dear Parents/Carers,

12<sup>th</sup> April 2021

We hope you and your family are well.

We wanted to write to you to provide a few updates following the government revising some of their guidance during the Easter holiday.

### **Safety Measures**

Please be assured that we are continuing to do everything we can to make sure our students are safe at school. Our risk assessment has been reviewed again for the start of this term and is on the website if you would like to read it.

### **Face Coverings**

Updated government guidance was released on face coverings in April. The guidance states that face coverings need to be worn where social distancing cannot be maintained. As students cannot socially distance in lessons or communal areas in school we will continue to expect students to wear face coverings in lessons as well as other communal areas this term. Students will be able to buy face coverings at school if they need to.

### **LFD Home Testing**

We hope you have continued with the LFD testing during the Easter holiday. Students should keep testing at home twice a week throughout the summer term. We will be sending further test kits home to facilitate this and will continue with our app messages as a reminder of when the testing should happen. From the 31<sup>st</sup> March the NHS Test and Trace reintroduced confirmatory PCR testing for positive LFD tests conducted at all assisted testing sites, including schools and colleges. This means that all staff and students who get a positive LFD test, whether at home or supervised at their school or college, should get a confirmatory PCR. The PCR test should be booked immediately either online or by calling 119 and should be undertaken within 2 days. Staff, students and pupils who had a positive LFD test result, and their close contacts and other members of their household, should self-isolate immediately in line with [NHS Test and Trace guidance](#) and while awaiting the PCR result. If the PCR test is negative, it overrides the LFD test and the staff member or student can return to school or college, and their close contacts can end their self-isolation.



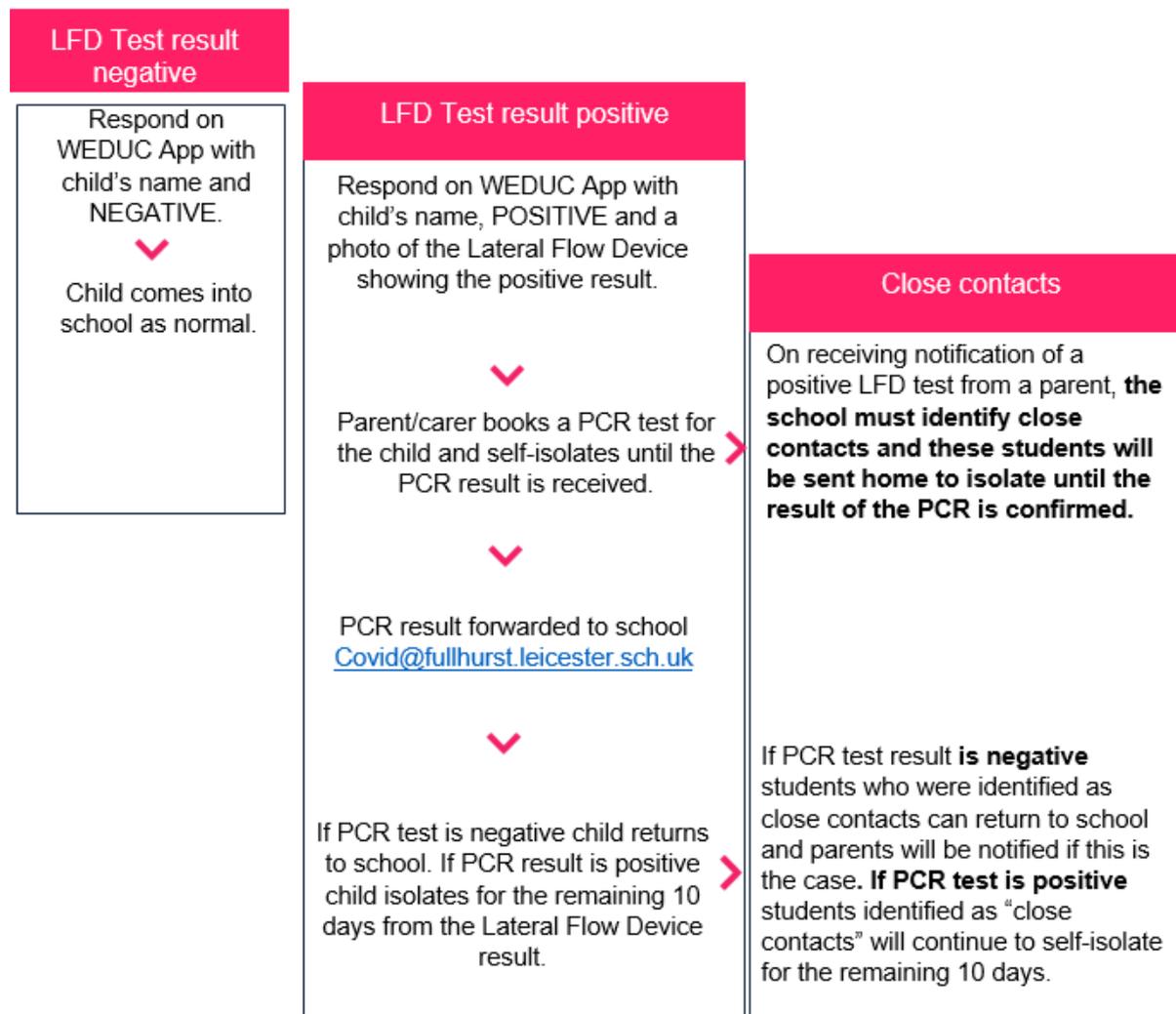
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To explain what we now must do in the case of a reported positive LFD test, please see the flow chart below:

Lateral Flow Device Testing completed twice weekly at home: Sunday and Wednesday.



## Year 11

All schools received the government guidance on teacher assessed grades for GCSEs on the 26<sup>th</sup> March. A further letter in response to this guidance has been sent out to the parents of Year 11 students today.

## Remote Learning

Remote learning will continue to be set for any student who must self-isolate at any point during the summer term.

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## **Extra-curricular**

We were excited to start our extra-curricular provision before the Easter holidays and this will continue in the summer term. You will be notified of all extra-curricular activities via the app.

We are looking forward to a positive and productive half term.

Yours sincerely,

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