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Dear Parents and Carers

This letter provides important information about the return to school in January and the testing requirements for all students.

Testing Requirements for Years 7-11

- Students should take a lateral flow test at home, up to three days before the return to school.
- In addition to this, students will also complete a lateral flow test in school on **Monday 10th January**.

Students will not be able to join lessons until they have completed their lateral flow test. We have therefore planned the shortest possible phased return and all students will be tested in school on Monday 10th January. As soon as students have been tested, they should attend the lessons on their timetable.

Testing Rota for Years 7-11

The Department for Education are insisting that all pupils must receive school based testing before returning to face to face education. Please revert to the end of the letter for the return to school testing rota. Students in Years 7-11 will arrive on a phased return over Monday (all day) and Tuesday (morning). This is a massive logistical operation, and it is paramount that all pupils arrive punctually at school for their allocated testing session.

Please note:

- Pupils should only arrive for their allocated testing time.
- Pupils must enter school through the student entrance and move immediately to the **Coleman Hall** where they will queue as a form in alphabetical order.
- After their testing slot, pupils will return to school for the rest of the day.
- Any pupils being tested after lunch, will not have access to the dining facilities and therefore must either bring a packed lunch, or eat before they arrive at school.
- Due to the scale of the operation and the associated administrative challenges, ***there is no flexibility on the date or the time that pupils are being tested.***
- Years 7-11 tests will be registered online by our administrative staff. Test results will be communicated via email and/or mobile within 24 hours. If the test is positive, the pupils will be identified and isolated within 15 minutes. At this point, the pupil should begin isolating immediately and remain in isolation for 10 days from the positive asymptomatic test result.

Consent for Years 7-11

- We will be using the same consent gathered as part of our previous LFT testing process. This consent list is cross referenced with our 90 day exemption records. (Pupils are exempt from testing for 90 days after a positive case of COVID-19, confirmed by PCR test).

- We ensure our 90 day exemption database is accurate by asking all parents and carers to report positive Covid test results to the covid@agsb.co.uk email address. It is vitally important that you continue to report positive PCR tests result in this way (even after term has finished). This is so we can ensure our database is up to date.
- Unfortunately, we may not be able to keep this database 100% live over the Christmas break ready for the 10th January. So, if your child tests positive whilst school is closed, report the positive case to covid@agsb.co.uk , but also please send your child into school with evidence of a positive PCR test. If the student presents evidence of a positive PCR test, they will not be tested.
- If your child is 90 days exempt or does not have consent, please still send them to school at their allocated testing time slot and they can re-join lessons as normal once the rest of their form has been tested.

Testing Requirements for Sixth Form Students

- Students will not receive a school based lateral flow test, but will be expected to complete two lateral flow tests at home. Students should take one test up to three days before the return to school date and one test on the morning of the 10th January 2022.
- Sixth Form students will return to face to face education as usual on Monday 10th January (as long as they have completed two home based lateral flow tests and received negative results).
- Sixth Form Students must register their own test using the NHS QR code on their home testing kits

International Travel

If any of our students or their families are travelling internationally, it is paramount you are aware of the latest travel restrictions. The guidance is ever changing, but returning from international travel will require a PCR test and some level of post travel isolation.

Please read full information by clicking on this link: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-to-england-from-another-country-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

We are once again entering a period of uncertainty and so I would ask for your patience and understanding in these ever-changing times. Please keep an eye open for further emails which might contain amended or additional information for you and your child.

Yours faithfully



Mr M Soulsby
Assistant Head (Development)

January 2022 –Return to School and COVID-19 Testing Rota

Year	Form	Number of Pupils	Time
Monday 10th January 2022			
11	11CC	27	8.40 am
	11CE	29	8.50 am
	11CO	29	9.00 am
	11EE	30	9.10 am
	11KD	27	9.20 am
	11ST	30	9.30 am
10	10BL	31	9.50 am
	10BY	29	10.00 am
	10CK	30	10.10 am
	10FN	29	10.20 am
	10LS	30	10.30 am
	10RW	30	10.40 am
Break			
7	7HI	30	11.20 am
	7MO	27	11.30 am
	7OL	30	11.40 am
	7PG	29	11.50 am
	7RH	25	12.00 noon
	7RN	30	12.10 pm
	7SI	29	12.20 pm
Lunch			
9	9AS	30	1.20 pm
	9BZ	32	1.30 pm
	9CX	31	1.40 pm
	9FB	31	1.50 pm
	9JM	30	2.00 pm
	9MK	28	2.10 pm
Tuesday 11th January 2022			
8	8CM	30	8.40 pm
	8ES	29	8.50 pm
	8GA	29	9.00 pm
	8GH	30	9.10 pm
	8MA	28	9.20 pm
	8PS	27	9.30 pm
	8WL	30	9.40 pm