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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this letter finds you and your families safe and well.

We are now able to share more details about the pupil Lateral Flow Device testing schedule.

Pupils will each be tested three times across 10 school days. Testing will start on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March and conclude on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March.

Pupils must receive a negative test result before returning to face-to-face education. As such, the first test each pupil takes will be at a specifically allocated time slot. Pupils should only attend school at the time of their first test, not before this time. After the pupils have had their first test and have received a negative test result, they will be able to move into the school and attend whichever lesson corresponds with their timetable at that time.

This is a massive logistical operation, and it is paramount that all pupils arrive punctually at school for their allocated testing session.

Pupils must enter school through their usual year group entrance and travel outside the school building to the Scout Hut, where they will queue as a form in alphabetical order.

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.***

We are delighted with the uptake of testing, with only 2% declining to consent to Lateral Flow Testing. This will help the testing to be a really valuable tool in making our school a safer place to be.

Years 7-11 will be registered online by our administrative staff. 6<sup>th</sup> Form pupils will register their own test using the NHS QR code on their test card.

Test results will be communicated via e-mail and/or mobile within 24 hours. If the test is positive, the pupils will be identified and isolated within 30 minutes. At this point, the pupil and their household should begin isolating immediately and remain in isolation for 10 days from the positive asymptomatic test result.

If a pupil receives a positive test result on their first test, we hope there will be no school based contacts, therefore only the pupil and their household will need to isolate. If a positive result is identified at the second or third test, unfortunately we will need to undertake internal track and trace and insist that school-based contacts also isolate for 10 days from the day of the positive test result.

If your son's first test is during a morning session, lunchtime catering facilities will be provided. If your son's first test falls in an afternoon session (any time after midday), no catering will be provided on this day for this year group.

On the day after their first test, each pupil will attend the full school day as per their usual staggered school day timings.

Some of the afternoon testing sessions have had to be scheduled close to the end of the school day; we acknowledge this may be a little inconvenient for a relatively short period of time in school, but we ask for your understanding in this matter.

If you have not given consent for your child to be tested, they are to arrive at school at the time allocated for their form and will begin lessons once the rest of their form have been tested.

In the near future I will be sending this [PowerPoint](#), and these [NHS YouTube Swabbing videos](#) to the pupils. Please can I ask you to study this information with your son. I will also be producing a Loom assembly for the pupils. This assembly should help them understand the details of returning to school, the process of testing and will include pupil guidance for AGSB's COVID safe operating procedures. From the 22<sup>nd</sup> March, educational establishments across the country will be transitioning to 'Home Based Lateral Flow Testing'. These resources will be a valuable learning tool in making this new process familiar, safe and effective.

Please take care in reading and digest the information included in the appendices.

Appendices A – FAQ's

Appendices B – Testing Schedule

Can I please reiterate that due to the scale of this logistical operation we have no flexibility in this plan, but if do have any queries or concerns, please e-mail [covid@agsb.co.uk](mailto:covid@agsb.co.uk)

Yours faithfully

*M Soulsby*

Mr Soulsby

Assistant Head - Development

## **Appendices A - Frequently Asked Questions**

### Where do students go for their first test?

They must enter school through their usual year group entrance and travel outside of the school building to the Scout Hut, where they will queue as a Form in alphabetical order.

### What happens after student have completed their first test?

After the pupils have had their first test and have received a negative test result, they will be able to move into the school and attend whichever lesson corresponds with their timetable at that time.

### Why can we not start home based testing sooner?

It is important that students are supervised whilst swabbing for their first test to make sure they are administering the test correctly; this is why testing will initially take place at school. As a result, in line with national guidance we are offering students three tests on-site, three to five days apart, upon their return. Completing three tests at school is a condition of being able to transition students to a testing at home scenario.

### Will an adult administer the test for my child?

No. These are self-administered tests. In an Asymptomatic Testing Site, all students who are aged 11 years and over are encouraged to swab themselves. When testing at home, students aged 18 years and over should self-test and report the result, with assistance if needed. Students aged 12-17 years should self-test and report with adult supervision. The adult may conduct the test if necessary. Students aged 11-12 years (who attend a secondary school) should be tested/swabbed by an adult.

### When will tests be completed at home (transition to test at home)?

Once students have been tested three times at school, they will be provided with home test kits for regular twice weekly testing at home. This will happen no sooner than 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

### What happens if a student does not receive a result?

The results service is managed by the NHS track and trace service. There have been occasions where results have not been passed to the contact details supplied. If this occurs, please contact [covid@agsb.co.uk](mailto:covid@agsb.co.uk) as we maintain a register of results in school and will happily confirm any results. If the result is positive, we will inform you directly and immediately so if you don't hear anything, it is safe to assume your sons result was negative.

### Why carry out asymptomatic testing?

We must use all of the tools available to us to combat the transmission of COVID-19. These tools range from vaccination, symptomatic testing, improving medicines, self-isolation regulations and nonpharmaceutical interventions like hands-face-space.

Asymptomatic testing is a further and critical tool to help mitigate the transmission of COVID-19. On its own, asymptomatic testing will not prevent the transmission of COVID-19 but used with the other tools available (to us) it will help us to:

- Identify and help to prevent staff and students without symptoms from transmitting and spreading the virus unknowingly.
- Allow schools to operate as safely as possible by self-isolating those that are the most contagious as soon as is practical.

Asymptomatic testing is done via simple and quick tests, known as Lateral Flow Device (LFD) tests. They enable us to rapidly test students and staff, without the need for a laboratory. No test is 100% accurate, but the LFD, when done as part of a testing regime, is very good at picking up those with high viral loads (i.e. those that are thought to be the most contagious).

Will school have enough LFD tests?

AGSB, as with all schools, have been assured that the automated resupply process will work efficiently.

## Appendices B - AGSB Testing Schedule

The below information provides specific details of when each testing session will take place for each year.

### **N.B.**

The testing session shaded in grey indicate the first testing session and pupils must only arrive at school at the time.

Subsequent testing sessions (white boxes) are days when testing will take place, but all pupils will arrive at school in the morning as per a usual school day. For second and third tests, pupils will be come out of lessons, be tested, and return to lessons.

## Altrincham Grammar School For Boys

### Covid Testing Timetable – March 2021

Year	Form	Test Number	Date	Day	Time
Year 11	11BL	1	05/03/2021	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.00
	11GH	1	05/03/2021	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.20
	11RN	1	05/03/2021	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.40
	11SI	1	05/03/2021	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	10.00
	11MA	1	05/03/2021	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	10.20
	11RD	1	05/03/2021	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	10.40
	11RH	1	05/03/2021	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	11.00
Year 13	13BK	1	05/03/2021	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	12.00
	13BN	1	05/03/2021	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	12.15
	13DV	1	05/03/2021	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	12.30
	13HP	1	05/03/2021	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	12.45
	13MD	1	05/03/2021	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	13.00
	13MG	1	05/03/2021	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	13.15
	13SA	1	05/03/2021	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	13.30
	13SQ	1	05/03/2021	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	13.45

Year	Form	Test Number	Date	Day	Time
Year 13	13BK	2	08/03/2021	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.00
	13BN	2	08/03/2021	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.15
	13DV	2	08/03/2021	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.30
	13HP	2	08/03/2021	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.45
Year 13	13MD	2	08/03/2021	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	13.30
	13MG	2	08/03/2021	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	13.45
	13SA	2	08/03/2021	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	14.00
	13SQ	2	08/03/2021	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	14.15
Year 12	12CN	1	09/03/2021	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	9.00
	12CT	1	09/03/2021	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	9.15
	12EL	1	09/03/2021	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	9.30
	12EY	1	09/03/2021	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	9.45
	12NW	1	09/03/2021	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10.00
	12PT	1	09/03/2021	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10.15
	12SM	1	09/03/2021	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10.30
	12WK	1	09/03/2021	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10.45
	12WY	1	09/03/2021	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	11.00
Year 10	10CC	1	09/03/2021	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	12.00
	10EE	1	09/03/2021	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	12.20
	10KD	1	09/03/2021	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	12.40
	10CE	1	09/03/2021	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	13.00
	10CO	1	09/03/2021	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	13.20
	10ST	1	09/03/2021	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	13.40
Year 9	9BY	1	10/03/2021	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.00
	9LS	1	10/03/2021	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.20
	9RW	1	10/03/2021	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.40
	9BM	1	10/03/2021	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	10.00
	9CK	1	10/03/2021	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	10.20
	9FN	1	10/03/2021	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	10.40
Year 8	8BZ	1	10/03/2021	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	12.00
	8JM	1	10/03/2021	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	12.20
	8AS	1	10/03/2021	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	12.40
	8MK	1	10/03/2021	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	13.00
	8CX	1	10/03/2021	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	13.20
	8FB	1	10/03/2021	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	13.40

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Year 13	13BK	3	11/03/2021	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	9.00
	13BN	3	11/03/2021	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	9.15
	13DV	3	11/03/2021	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	9.30
	13HP	3	11/03/2021	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	9.45
Year 7	7ES	1	11/03/2021	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	12.30
	7GA	1	11/03/2021	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	12.50
	7HI	1	11/03/2021	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	13.10
	7MO	1	11/03/2021	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	13.30
	7OL	1	11/03/2021	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	13.50
	7PS	1	11/03/2021	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	14.10
	7WL	1	11/03/2021	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	14.30
Year 10	10CE	2	12/03/2021	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.00
	10CO	2	12/03/2021	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.20
	10ST	2	12/03/2021	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.40
	10CC	2	12/03/2021	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	10.00
	10EE	2	12/03/2021	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	10.20
	10KD	2	12/03/2021	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	10.40
Year 13	13MG	2	12/03/2021	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	11.00
	13SA	3	12/03/2021	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	11.15
	13SQ	3	12/03/2021	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	11.30
	13MD	3	12/03/2021	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	11.45
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	12EL	2	12/03/2021	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	12.30
	12EY	2	12/03/2021	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	12.45
	12NW	2	12/03/2021	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	13.00
	12PT	2	12/03/2021	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	13.15
	12SM	2	12/03/2021	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	13.30
	12WK	2	12/03/2021	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	13.45
	12WY	2	12/03/2021	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	14.00
Year 9	9BM	2	15/03/2021	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	9.00
	9CK	2	15/03/2021	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	9.20
	9FN	2	15/03/2021	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	9.40
	9RW	2	15/03/2021	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	10.00

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	9BY	2	15/03/2021	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	10.40
Year 8	8FB	2	15/03/2021	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	12.00
	8BZ	2	15/03/2021	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	12.20
	8CX	2	15/03/2021	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	12.40
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	12CT	3	16/03/2021	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.15
	12EL	3	16/03/2021	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.30
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	7ES	2	16/03/2021	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	12.20
	7GA	2	16/03/2021	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	12.40
	7PS	2	16/03/2021	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	13.00
	7WL	2	16/03/2021	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	13.20
	7MO	2	16/03/2021	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	13.40
	7OL	2	16/03/2021	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	14.00
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