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Dear Parents and Carers

Following the Head Master's SchoolComms, please find below for some additional information relating to AGSB's COVID-19 operating procedures.

Medical Status

It is imperative that you provide the school with up-to-date medical information so we can hold accurate medical records of all our pupils. Please e-mail Mrs Passey on apassey@agsb.co.uk with any relevant information. This is particularly important if your child is 'Clinically Extremely Vulnerable', is an AAI user or has Diabetes/Allergies/Asthma so we can review their individual care plans.

If you wish to have a COVID specific personal risk assessment for your son or you wish to have your son's medical care plan reviewed, please specifically request this when communicating with Mrs Passey.

Symptom Awareness and Reporting Positive Cases

Can I please remind Parents and Carers to be very symptom aware. Do not send poorly children to School. Anyone who displays COVID symptoms must immediately isolate and arrange to take a PCR test.

If a positive case is detected, we ask that you please continue to inform School for our records. Please e-mail COVID symptoms, test details and test results to covid@agsb.co.uk. This will help us monitor School prevalence of COVID and also help us to be proactive in identifying any outbreaks and implement our COVID outbreak management plan early.

Mass Testing

The details of the mass testing programme were shared in my letter dated 15th July 2021.

I have had a few queries relating to this statement within that letter: *"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."* To clarify – the 10 days isolation is, of course, dependent on a confirmatory PCR test following a positive LFD Test.

As a reminder to all Parents/Carers/Pupils:

The first test each pupil takes will be at a specifically allocated time slot (Appendix A). 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 the student entrance and move immediately to the New Library (in the new teaching block), where they will queue as a Form in alphabetical order. (Year 7 pupils will be met at the flagpole)

by the front gate by their new Form Tutor at their allocated testing time – Mrs Short, Head of Year 7, will be sending further details in the near future).

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 15 minutes. At this point, the pupil should begin isolating immediately and remain in isolation for 10 days from the positive asymptomatic 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.

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.

***Important information for Year 12 pupils:** As you will see on the testing rota, you are being invited into School in your new Y12 Form Groups. In order to find out what form group you are in, please check your School e-mail address where we will send you the relevant information so that you can arrive for testing at the correct time.

Consent for return to School Lateral Flow Testing

Hopefully by now you have all completed the Consent Form. If not, please can you complete the form immediately as this is now urgent. Please use the following link. [LFD Consent Form](#) *(please do not complete the form more than once).*

Please note: If your son has received or does receive a positive test (*anytime from 1st June onwards*) you should still have completed the form with your overall wishes but also please ensure you have emailed the School on covid@agsb.co.uk giving your son's name, form and the date of the positive test. Even if you have given consent on the form, we would withhold the testing until the 90 days is completed at which time we will use the information given on the Consent Form.

Face Coverings

We would also ask pupils to consider wearing face coverings in busy communal areas like corridors, lunch queues and assemblies. However, it is widely known that face coverings are no longer an expectation. At AGSB we continue to respect the wishes of the individuals, both staff and pupils, who wish to continue to wear face coverings while at School.

Contact Tracing and Isolation

From September 2021, contact tracing will be completed by NHS Track and Trace, not AGSB. As stated, we do ask you to continue to report positive COVID tests to covid@agsb.co.uk. This will help us support the NHS Track and Trace team if required. The guidance for contacts of a positive case of COVID have also changed.

Unvaccinated young people up to the age of 18 years and 6 months, and fully vaccinated adults, are now no longer required to self-isolate if they are a close contact of someone with Covid-19, including if they live in the same household.

Those identified as a close contact will be informed by NHS Test and Trace that they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. The Government strongly encourages all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so. There is no requirement to self-isolate while awaiting PCR test results and so pupils and staff identified as close contacts should continue to attend School as normal.

18 year olds will be treated in the same way as children and young people until 6 months after their 18th

birthday, to allow them the opportunity to get fully vaccinated. After this point they will be subject to the same rules as adults and so, if they choose not to get vaccinated, they will need to self-isolate if identified as a close contact.

You can book a PCR test either online (by clicking [here](#)) or by calling 119. There are sites in Stretford, Partington, and Trafford Park, plus some larger drive through sites a little further afield at Manchester Airport and the Etihad Stadium. The closest available site will be shown to you when booking. Sometimes the closest site does not show up so if all the sites shown are a long distance away we recommend trying again in an hour or so. You can also order a PCR test direct to your home and post it back.

If your child is identified as a contact by NHS Track and Trace please consider the following actions;

- Book them in to take a PCR test as soon as possible (unless they have had a positive PCR test in the last 90 days). Children aged 4 years and under who are identified as a contact will not be advised to take a PCR test unless the positive case was someone in their own household.
- Where possible consider limiting contacts outside of school.
- Take regular asymptomatic LFD tests twice weekly (recommended for 11 years and over).
- If your child travels to school on public transport a face covering should be worn on the journey.

This advice applies until 10 full days after your most recent contact with the person who has tested positive for COVID-19.

International Travel

The Red/Amber/Green list for international travel is constantly changing. If you do return from international travel, it is imperative that you follow the most up-to-date information from the Government about testing and isolation.

Personal Hygiene equipment

In the interest of maintaining the highest standard of respiratory and hand hygiene, we ask that all pupils carry tissues and have their own bottle of hand sanitiser on them at all times.

How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19

- Wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds.
- Use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available.
- Wash your hands as soon as you get home.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze.
- Put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards.
- Participate in twice weekly LFD testing following national guidelines (recommended for 11 years and over). We encourage you to log your results here: <https://www.gov.uk/log-test-site-covid19-results>.
- Get vaccinated if eligible.

Thank you for taking the time to read and digest this very important information.

Yours faithfully

M Soulsby

Mr M Soulsby
Assistant Head (Development)

Appendix A

Year	Form	Test Number	Date	Day	Time
Y11	11CC	1	02/09/2021	Thursday	9.20
	11CE	1	02/09/2021	Thursday	9.40
	11CO	1	02/09/2021	Thursday	10.00
	11EE	1	02/09/2021	Thursday	10.20
	11KD	1	02/09/2021	Thursday	10.40
	11ST	1	02/09/2021	Thursday	11.00
Y13	13CN	1	02/09/2021	Thursday	12.00
	13CT	1	02/09/2021	Thursday	12.15
	13EL	1	02/09/2021	Thursday	12.30
	13EY	1	02/09/2021	Thursday	12.45
	13NW	1	02/09/2021	Thursday	13.00
	13PT	1	02/09/2021	Thursday	13.15
	13SM	1	02/09/2021	Thursday	13.30
	13WK	1	02/09/2021	Thursday	13.45
Y7	7OL	1	03/09/2021	Friday	9.20
	7PG	1	03/09/2021	Friday	9.40
	7HI	1	03/09/2021	Friday	10.00
	7MO	1	03/09/2021	Friday	10.20
	7RN	1	03/09/2021	Friday	10.40
	7RH	1	03/09/2021	Friday	11.00
	7SI	1	03/09/2021	Friday	11.20
Y12	12BK	1	03/09/2021	Friday	12.00
	12BN	1	03/09/2021	Friday	12.15
	12HO	1	03/09/2021	Friday	12.30
	12DV	1	03/09/2021	Friday	12.45
	12MD	1	03/09/2021	Friday	13.00
	12MG	1	03/09/2021	Friday	13.15
	12SQ	1	03/09/2021	Friday	13.30
	12SA	1	03/09/2021	Friday	13.45
	12RD	1	03/09/2021	Friday	14.00
Y8	8GA	1	06/09/2021	Monday	9.00
	8ES	1	06/09/2021	Monday	9.20
	8GH	1	06/09/2021	Monday	9.40
	8CM	1	06/09/2021	Monday	10.00
	8MA	1	06/09/2021	Monday	10.20
	8PS	1	06/09/2021	Monday	10.40

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	8WL	1	06/09/2021	Monday	11.00
Y10	10CK	1	06/09/2021	Monday	12.00
	10FN	1	06/09/2021	Monday	12.20
	10BY	1	06/09/2021	Monday	12.40
	10RW	1	06/09/2021	Monday	13.00
	10BL	1	06/09/2021	Monday	13.20
	10LS	1	06/09/2021	Monday	13.40
Y9	9CX	1	07/09/2021	Tuesday	9.00
	9FB	1	07/09/2021	Tuesday	9.20
	9BZ	1	07/09/2021	Tuesday	9.40
	9JM	1	07/09/2021	Tuesday	10.00
	9MK	1	07/09/2021	Tuesday	10.20
	9AS	1	07/09/2021	Tuesday	10.40
Y11	11CC	2	07/09/2021	Tuesday	11.00
	11CE	2	07/09/2021	Tuesday	11.20
	11CO	2	07/09/2021	Tuesday	11.40
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	13PT	2	07/09/2021	Tuesday	14.15
	13SM	2	07/09/2021	Tuesday	14.30
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