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Dear Parents and Carers

You will already be aware that the School has been required to send some students home to isolate in line with Government guidance. Whilst we have implemented new routines and systems aimed at keeping everyone safe, we have also had to prepare for individual students or groups of students isolating.

As we near the end of a busy and productive half term I thought I would take this opportunity to clarify our remote learning strategy for absent pupils in these challenging times. The table below outlines our strategy and includes information on how the work will be set.

Situation	Guidance
Whole year self-isolation	All students will receive live lessons according to their timetable via Teams. Students will be registered for each lesson. Homework will continue to be set on the Show My Homework (SMHW) platform.
Individual/groups of students isolating	Students will be sent self-study work within a working day of their absence; this will be sent via e-mail or Teams. They may be invited to join live streamed lessons if these are taking place.
Students who are unwell	These students will be set independent work via Teams or Classwork on SHMW if the duration of the absence is greater than two weeks. They can be invited to join the live streamed lesson if these are taking place.
Staff who are absent through illness	Cover work will be set for self-study in the classroom by the teacher or Head of Department.
Staff who are well and self-isolating	For students in KS3, KS4 and Year 12: Self-study work will be issued by the teacher and will be supervised by the cover teacher. The teacher will normally be available to answer questions via Teams. For Year 13 students: These lessons will be unsupervised. The work will be sent to the students via email or SMHW. Again, the teacher will typically be available to answer questions via the Teams.

We are, at present, investing in classroom technologies so that a number of lessons can be streamed live. The School Policy remains that students will receive self-study tasks so they can work independently at home during their absence. A teacher may choose to stream part of a lesson to the students if this is the most appropriate way of delivering an aspect of the curriculum. However, departments have invested their time in developing excellent resources to support students in their remote learning and these include videos, presentations, links to electronic resources such as textbooks as well as self-study materials.

We are therefore committed, as a school, to providing your son with a high-quality remote curriculum to ensure that his education is not disrupted due to self-isolation.

If you have any concerns about the remote learning provision for your son, please do get in touch with myself via email to: ethomas@agsb.co.uk.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely

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