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Dear Parents and Carers

Unfortunately, Covid infection rates continue to rise and locally in Trafford there has been a particularly sharp increase. Rates are highest in the 11-18 age group but there have been rises in all age groups and across the whole borough.

The increase in infection rates is stark at AGSB. Since half term, we have had 2 positive PCR tests in Year 9 and Year 10 and we now have a number of pupils self-isolating. We also have had 3 staff test positive for Covid and other staff who are self-isolating due to being a close contact. These are the first positive COVID cases at AGSB in a long time and acts as a poignant reminder about the importance of continuing to adhere to the highest levels of COVID secure operating procedures, particularly sanitisation and social distancing.

LFD tests

We know the Delta variant is increasing rapidly and we need to do all we can to keep the School safe and open to everyone. To that end, can I ask all who are participating in the NHS testing system continue to do so. Over 95% of students have received the LFD kits. This remains a key way to identify asymptomatic cases.

We will continue to send twice weekly reminders encouraging students to test **and** report their results to the NHS and the School.

The main symptoms are:

- A high temperature
- Headache, followed by runny nose and sore throat.
- A new, continuous cough (coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three times in 24 hours)
- A loss of taste and smell.

Please remember to email covid@agsb.co.uk if you need to tell us about a positive test result.

Thank you for your continued support and please do get in touch if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully

Mr G A Wright
Head Master