



Anthony Gell School

27 January 2022

Dear parents and carers,

Covid Update

In line with the latest government guidance, face coverings will not be required to be worn by staff and students whilst in school from today, Thursday 27 January. We will, of course, continue to allow any member of staff or any student who wishes to wear a face covering whilst in school to do so without questioning or comment.

We will continue to apply additional measures in response to Covid which include: an enhanced cleaning programme, availability of hand sanitizer, encouraging hand washing, and maintaining a sensible approach towards social distancing when this is possible. We ask that staff and students, who consent to carrying out regular testing, continue to do so twice-weekly, and request that no-one comes into school if they are showing any of the recognised Covid symptoms. If someone in your family begins to show any of the Covid symptoms or tests positive, please follow the government advice, which can be accessed via this link: [Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection)

New Governors

We had more parents/carers volunteering to be a governor than we had vacancies for on our Governing Board – thank you! Following a recent election, Lizzie Delves and Helen Slack were elected to become AGS governors and both will join our board of governors this term.

Embark Update

We are continuing to thoroughly investigate the possibility of AGS joining the Embark Federation, alongside three other good Derbyshire secondary schools. A great deal of work is being done on the detailed due diligence which is essential, and which will help to inform the governors' final decision. Although we have informed key stakeholders and engaged in conversations about this proposal, we have not yet started a period of formal consultation. I estimate that governors will start the formal consultation process after the Easter break and I would think that this will end up being a period of about 4-5 weeks, during which there will be several opportunities for people to discover more about the proposal and provide their views.

Term Dates 2022-23

Our term dates for next year are available via our [website](#), but I realise that many of you may like to see these at this point in order to help plan for any holidays you are lucky

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enough to get as a family, and making sure these are outside of term time. I have included 'INSET' days in the summary below; these are days of staff training and students are therefore not in school. Our local primary schools know the AGS INSET days for 2022-23 and many will endeavour to match these days, in order to assist families with children in more than one school where this is possible.

Autumn Term

INSET - Thursday 1 September 2022
Friday 2 September 2022 - Year 7 and Sixth Form only
Monday 5 September 2022 - All year groups in school
Last day of half-term - Friday 21 October 2022
INSET - Monday 31 October 2022
Tuesday 1 November 2022 - Students return
Last day of term - Wednesday 21 December 2022
INSET - Thursday 22 December 2022

Spring Term

First day of term - Monday 9 January 2023
Last day of half-term - Thursday 16 February 2023
INSET - Friday 17 February 2023
Monday 27 February 2023 – students return
Last day of term - Friday 31 March 2023

Summer Term

First day of term - Monday 17 April 2023
Bank Holiday - Monday 1 May 2023
Last day of half-term - Friday 26 May 2023
Monday 5 June 2023 – students return
Last day of term - Thursday 20 July 2023
INSET - Friday 21 July 2023

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Malcolm Kelly
Headteacher