

## Question and Answers from BGPS Art Familiarisation Webinar

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<b>Regarding ART Kits</b>		
1	When do we need to use this kit? Isn't it easier for us to bring our child to the doctor who will do the Antigen Rapid Test (ART) and Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) tests for just \$5 with MC given?	The KIT is for your own use at your own time. There is no need to let us know if you intend to use it. You should visit a doctor for PCR test, and be familiar with the use of ART on your own at home.
2	There's a date on the test cartridge: 2021-10-08. Is this is the expiry date?	NHS (National Healthcare Group) has confirmed that the shelf life of the kits can be safely extended for another 6 months.
3	Is it compulsory for us to do the ART when we receive them?	It is not compulsory.
4	What should I do if I have used up all my ART kits?	You can purchase additional kits from the pharmacy.
5	Is it true that the extraction buffer tube can only be used once and to be discarded?	Yes. The extraction buffer tube can only be used once and should be discarded after use.
<b>Swab Tests</b>		
6	Do we have to take a picture of the swab result using ART kit and send it to the school?	There is no need to do so.
7	My daughter got her ART negative report today after she came back from school complaining of running nose. The doctor gave her three days MC and said that if she gets a PCR negative report, she can return to school. But the teacher mentioned that the statement 'can return to school if PCR test is negative' should be written in the MC. However, the doctor did not indicate this in the MC. Is this necessary?	If the doctor has ordered a PCR test, the PCR test result will supersede the ART result. The MC can only be rescinded if the doctor has written on the MC that it can be rescinded with a PCR negative test. Otherwise, the full duration of the MC remains valid.
8	If the child is sick and we do the ART at home, can they go to school with a negative test result?	If the child is sick, you are strongly encouraged to take the child to see a doctor. It is also better for the child to get ample rest for a full and speedy recovery. Even if the child takes a swab test and it is negative, schools will still abide by the duration of the doctor's MC and disallow the unrecovered child from attending school for the safety of the other children.

<b>About Exams</b>		
9	How will the student be graded if they cannot take the PSLE?	Their performance will be projected based on their prelim results.
10	What's the alternative if the child needs to miss the exam due to COVID?	As of 27 September 2021, SEAB has made provisions for students with various quarantine status to still be able to take the PSLE. For internal school examinations, however, if the student misses the assessment due to COVID, the student's result will be projected from performance in other assessments where reasonably possible. Otherwise, the student will be awarded Absent with Valid Reason (VR).
11	How would I be graded if I am absent for any PSLE paper?	If your child is absent for any PSLE paper, schools may apply for special consideration for the student. This application must be supported with relevant documents such as medical certificate (MC). Schools will also need to provide SEAB with data such as the student's preliminary examination results. SEAB then makes the final decision for special consideration.
12	For students going for PSLE, do they still need to test before the exam if they're well, do not have any QO/ SHN?	Based on the recent announcement by MOE on 18 September 2021, to ensure the safe return of students to school, P6 students are to do the Antigen Rapid Test swab at home on the following dates: 27 or 28 September.
13	Will there be an ART swab before entering exam room? If there are, do they have to bring the one given?	There won't be an ART swab before entering the exam room. Supervised ART swab will only be carried out for students who are on LOA. Students do not need to bring their own ART. Students on Approved Absence (AA), however, should carry out the ART at home and show photo evidence of a negative result.