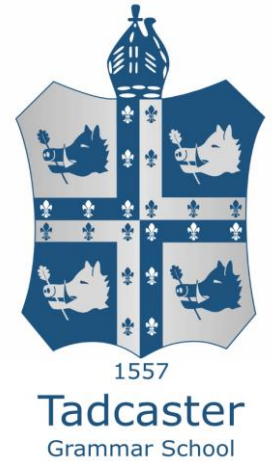


Be Your Best Self

8th November 2021



Dear Parents, Carers & Students,

COVID-19 Update

I hope this finds you well? I am writing to update you on our COVID-19 mitigation measures in school.

Since I wrote to you on the 2nd November 2021, we have reviewed our current system of controls and numbers of confirmed positive Covid-19 cases in the school community with the North Yorkshire Public Health Team. As a result, we will be extending the time that students and staff are required to wear a face covering in classrooms and communal areas¹ until Friday 26th November 2021.

In addition, we will be continuing to work in accordance with Public Health advice by:

- Reinforcing the importance of good hand and respiratory hygiene;
- Maximising ventilation in classrooms and other shared spaces (whilst allowing students to wear outdoor clothing if required);
- Limiting visitors to the school;
- Minimising large student gatherings;
- Dynamically assessing whether educational trips and residential visits should go ahead

Thank you as always for your continued support of the school.

Kind regards,

Andrew Parkinson
Headteacher

¹ Unless exempt. Parents & carers - please contact your relevant year leader/pastoral leader to register your child's exemption (see pages 4 & 5).

Covid-19 Control Measures In School (additional content added since 2nd November 2021 highlighted in yellow)

Our key priority is to work within the bounds of the current government guidance for schools to ensure all students and staff are safe and supported whilst ensuring the school stays fully open.

HOW FAMILIES CAN SUPPORT THE SCHOOL TO REMAIN FULLY OPEN

Face Coverings

Thank you again for your support with our move to wearing face coverings in communal areas, in classrooms and on shared transport. This is an essential control measure to help minimise the risk of Covid-19 transmission in school and on school transport.

After taking advice from the North Yorkshire Public Health Team, please note that we will be continuing to strongly support the wearing of face coverings in school (communal areas and classrooms) until at least **Friday 26th November 2021**.

Home COVID-19 Testing

Asymptomatic Covid-19 lateral flow device testing should continue at home on a Wednesday and Sunday evening. Positive results should be reported immediately via the school website [HERE](#).

Following a positive PCR result please email attendance@tgs.starmat.uk with the date your child can return to school. This date is the one that track and trace inform you when your child can come out of self isolation.

The 12 to 15 year old vaccination programme

NHS England is now offering 12 to 15 year olds the opportunity to get their COVID-19 vaccine out-of-school, such as through vaccination centres. This offer will run in parallel to the in-school vaccination programme*.

We are informed that parents of children aged 12 to 15 will receive a letter from the NHS with more information on the vaccination programme, including information about how to book an appointment out-of-school, if this option is preferred.

*At this time, we are still awaiting a confirmed date from the NHS concerning the in-school Covid-19 vaccination programme and details about the school's role in facilitating it.

Sixth Form

Following on from our very successful Post 16 Open Evening, applications are now open to join our Sixth Form in September 2022. [Apply here](#)

We are also offering all Year 11 students a Post 16 Taster Day on Thursday 2nd December, which is rescheduled from last year. This is a great opportunity to actually try a lesson in some of the subjects that we offer in our Sixth form.

Ms R Knapton
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Class Charts Communications

As we progress through this academic year we are increasing our communications to all our parents/carers and students through our *Class Charts* App.

This will eventually become our main pathway of communication which will streamline home-school contact. As such, please can you ensure that you have downloaded the app and allow notifications, so that information comes through to you in a timely and effective way.

If you require your unique code for the *Class Charts* App, please contact your Year or Pastoral Leader who will be able to pass you the relevant information (See contact details below, pages 4 & 5).

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	Year 7 01937 833466 or extension: 232 / 218	

	Pastoral Leader	Year Leader
Year 8	Ms E Proctor e.proctor@tgs.starmat.uk	Mr A Punt a.punt@tgs.starmat.uk
	Year 8 Phone number 01937 833466 or extension: 239 / 277	

	Pastoral Leader	Year Leader
Year 9	TEMPORARY Ms C Beal c.beal@tgs.starmat.uk	Ms C Kenny c.kenny@tgs.starmat.uk
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	Pastoral Leader	Year Leader
Year 10	Ms S.Loaring (Mon, Thur, Fri) s.loaring@tgs.starmat.uk Ms D Parker-Starbuck (Tues, Wed) d.parker- starbuck@tgs.starmat.uk	Ms C Yewman c.yewman@tgs.starmat.uk
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	Pastoral Leader	Year Leader
Year 11	Pastoral Leader Mr J Fox j.fox@tgs.starmat.uk	Year Leader Ms D Naylor d.naylor@tgs.starmat.uk
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	Pastoral Leader	3rd: Director
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