

# Be Your Best Self



Thursday 9th December 2021

Dear parents, carers and students,

## Arrangements for asymptomatic Covid-19 testing in school - start of term January 2022

You may already be aware from the media that secondary schools have again been directed by the government to supervise the on-site testing for Covid-19 with all students using lateral flow devices (LFD) upon their return to school in January 2022. This will be the nasal swab test.

The purpose of this letter is to outline the arrangements for the start of the term in January 2022.

Monday 3rd January 2022	Bank Holiday	School closed
Tuesday 4th January 2022	Supervised lateral flow device testing in school  No lessons in school for any year group  School buses do not run	<u>Students only attend school for a supervised lateral flow device test (booked in advance- see below)*</u>  Year groups 7 and 8 will be tested in Toulston Hall Year groups 9, 10, 11 and Sixth Form will be tested in the Boys' Gym  Work will be set in Google classrooms for all year groups to complete at home when not engaged in travel to & from school/Covid-19 testing in school.
Wednesday 5th January 2022	Normal school day  Normal bus service	School is fully open  Sixth form lessons for TGS students at Sherburn High School will recommence after lunchtime

\* We are asking parents to support with transport to and from school for all year groups.

Supervised asymptomatic testing of students in school is exceptionally labour intensive. If any parents or relatives would like to volunteer to assist with the administration and/or actual LFD testing at school on Tuesday 4th January 2022, please could I ask you to contact Mr I Webb (Business Manager) on [i.webb@tgs.starmat.uk](mailto:i.webb@tgs.starmat.uk) by Monday 13th December 2021 at the latest.

## **APPOINTMENTS BOOKING FORM**

### **COVID-19 LATERAL FLOW DEVICE TESTING TUESDAY 4TH JANUARY 2022**

Please book your child's in-school Covid-19 lateral flow device test using the parents' evening booking system. [PLEASE CLICK HERE](#)

The booking system will open for bookings on Friday 10th December 2021 and close on Monday 3rd January 2022. When you book an appointment you concurrently give consent for the test to take place.

#### **Details of work which will be set for all year groups for Tuesday 4th January 2022**

The work set in each subject area will be consolidation and enrichment work. This is to ensure that students who are travelling to and from school for testing are not missing any new learning.

Students should follow their normal school timetable for a **Week 1 Tuesday**. The work can be accessed from the Google Classrooms students are assigned to for each of their teaching groups.

## Covid-19 Control Measures In School

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

Please note that we will be continuing to strongly support the wearing of face coverings in school (in communal areas, classrooms and on shared school transport) until at least **Friday 7th January 2022\*** (unless exempt).

#### Home Asymptomatic 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](mailto: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.

\* Pending revised government guidance

Please look forward to a school newsletter which will be distributed next week looking back at a fantastic half-term.

Kind regards,

**Andrew Parkinson**  
Headteacher

