

# Be Your Best Self

Wednesday 8th September 2021



Dear Parents & Carers (and students),

I hope this finds you well? Happy New (academic) Year.

Firstly, thank you to all of the parents and students who supported us with the coronavirus lateral flow device testing day on Monday this week. I must also thank all of the staff and volunteers who set up our multiple 'pop up' testing areas in school and worked tirelessly in full PPE during a very long day. 7 year groups tested in one day - a fantastic team effort. Thursday still to go.

## **Asymptomatic coronavirus lateral flow testing and reporting a positive test**

We are asking parents and carers to continue to support the school by lateral flow testing their children on a Sunday and Wednesday evening and then reporting positive tests only immediately via:

<https://tgs.starmat.uk/student-lateral-flow-test-results/>

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Please may I share a number of important reminders. Any changes/additions to the following information [which was also published last week] are highlighted in yellow.



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Kind regards.

**Andrew Parkinson**

**Headteacher**

**Attendance at school**

Central to raising standards in education and ensuring all students can fulfil their potential is an assumption so widely understood that it is insufficiently stated – students need to attend school regularly to benefit from their education. Missing out on lessons leaves children vulnerable to falling behind. Children with poor attendance tend to achieve less in both primary and secondary school. The expectation at Tadcaster Grammar School for attendance is **at least 96%** of all school sessions should be fully attended.

	<b>100%</b>	<b>99-97%</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>95-92%</b>	<b>92% and below</b>
<b>Attendance level</b>	<b>Excellent</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>At school target</b>	<b>Below expectations</b>	<b>Unsatisfactory</b>
<b>What does it mean?</b>	Your child has the best possible chance of success at school.	Good chance of achieving target grades.	Although at school target, there may be some significant gaps in your child's learning.	Your child will almost certainly have significant gaps in their learning affecting their achievement.	Your child is 'persistently absent', missing almost a day of school every 2 weeks. Over a year that equates to close to 4 weeks off school.

School attendance is mandatory for compulsory aged children and our expectations for school attendance will apply, including;

- it is the duty of parents/carers to ensure that their child attends regularly to receive an efficient, full time education;
- it is the school's responsibility to record attendance of each child and assiduously follow up on absence.

School can request fixed penalty notices in line with the local authority code of conduct for non-attendance.

As a reminder, our school procedure is for parents/carers to notify by phone or email [attendance@tgs.starmat.uk](mailto:attendance@tgs.starmat.uk) by 8.30am at the latest to report a student's absence, giving a clear and valid reason. We kindly request that you continue to contact school each day thereafter to ensure we are aware of continued illness and the planned date of return to school.

Where possible, medical/dental appointments should be arranged outside of the school day. However, we realise this is not always possible and appropriate absence for appointments will be authorised. Please inform the office or email [attendance@tgs.starmat.uk](mailto:attendance@tgs.starmat.uk) of any planned appointments, students will be required to sign in and out at the main school office at an agreed time, in line with safeguarding procedure.

Ms L Oxe

Attendance Officer

[attendance@tgs.starmat.uk](mailto:attendance@tgs.starmat.uk)

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#### Arrangements for the rest of this week

Thursday 9th September 2021
<p><b>In-school supervised coronavirus lateral flow device testing day 2</b></p> <p>Students in <u>years 8, 9, 10, 11 &amp; 13 only attend school for their coronavirus lateral flow test appointment</u> (up to 30 minutes) and then go home.</p> <p>Students will need to wear their own face covering when in school for their lateral flow appointments.</p> <p>We are asking parents for support with transport to and from school for years 8, 9, 10, 11 &amp; 13 - please park in the main car park and remain there whilst your child(ren) enter(s) the school buildings for their LFD test.</p>
<p>Years 7 &amp; 12 have a normal school day, including LFD testing (no need to book).</p> <p>School buses running for Year 7 &amp; 12 only.</p>

Friday 10th September 2021
<p>School fully open to all year groups.</p> <p><b>PLEASE COULD ALL STUDENTS BRING TRAINERS</b> as they will be partaking in team-building</p>

activities.

Normal school day timings for all students.

School buses running for all year groups.

## Timings of the school day

	8.40 - 9.05	9.05 - 10.05	10.05 - 11.05	11.05 - 11.25	11.25 - 12.25	12.25 - 1.05	1.05 - 2.05	2.05 - 3.05
Year 7	1	2	3	break 1	4	break 2	5	6
Year 8	1	2	3	break 1	4	break 2	5	6
Year 9	1	2	3	break 1	4	break 2	5	6
Year 10	1	2	3	break 1	4	break 2	5	6
Year 11	1	2	3	break 1	4	break 2	5	6
<b>Year 12/13</b>	<b>8.40 - 9.05</b>	<b>9.05 - 10.05</b>	<b>10.05 - 11.05</b>	<b>11.05 - 12.05</b>	<b>12.05 - 1.05</b>		<b>1.05 - 2.05</b>	<b>2.05 - 3.05</b>
	1	2	3	4	break 1	break 2	5	6

Students should not be dropped off before 8.20 am. Students should always go to the areas below upon arrival at school.

All students must be in school and en route to lesson 1 for 8.35 am at the latest.

Student Areas (Before School)	Areas (Dry & wet weather)
<b>Y7</b>	Y7 Playground / Toulston
<b>Y8</b>	Basketball Court / Science Quad Area
<b>Y9</b>	Science Quad Area and Walkway
<b>Y10</b>	Girls' Gym area
<b>Y11</b>	ILC

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## Applications to the Sixth Form

It's still not too late to join the Tadcaster Grammar School Sixth Form. Please email Ms Knapton on [r.knapton@tgs.starmat.uk](mailto:r.knapton@tgs.starmat.uk) if you have an enquiry.

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## **Coronavirus mitigation**

You will be aware that the national system of coronavirus controls for schools has changed since July 2021.

### ***When to self-isolate***

[Government guidance on when to self isolate](#)

### ***Room ventilation***

All areas inside school will be as well ventilated as possible.

### ***Hand hygiene***

Washing hands is still a recommended measure to prevent the spread of coronavirus. Hand washing will be encouraged both at the start of the school day and after break periods. It would be a sensible idea for your son/daughter to also have a small bottle of hand sanitiser in their school bag.

### ***Use of face coverings***

The use of face coverings on school buses is expected and we will be actively encouraging this. If students want to wear a face covering in school they will be permitted to do this, but it is now not a requirement. It would however be a sensible idea for your son/daughter to carry a face covering in their school bag.

Students will need to wear their own face covering when in school for their lateral flow appointments during Thursday 9th September 2021 .

### ***Contact tracing***

The school will no longer trace close contacts - close contacts will still be identified via NHS Test and Trace.

We will be keeping all our plans under constant review and they will be subject to change depending on local circumstances.

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## School CCTV system

As mentioned back in July 2021 and in the update on Thursday 2nd September 2021 , our existing CCTV system has been re-fitted over the summer holidays. CCTV cameras are located in key areas including some internal corridors and over the sink area only in toilets. Cameras also cover the grounds of the school as a deterrent to theft and criminal damage after school hours.

The CCTV usage privacy notice is now available from Mr I Webb (details below). Please also see the STAR MAT Surveillance Policy [HERE](#) We will also inform students again in assemblies during the first week of term about how the school uses the CCTV system.

Mr I Webb  
Business Manager  
[i.webb@tgs.starmat.uk](mailto:i.webb@tgs.starmat.uk)



## KEY CONTACTS IN SCHOOL

Individual subject enquiry	Pastoral enquiry
Order of priority (who to approach first): 1st: Your child's subject teacher 2nd: The Curriculum Team Leader for the subject	Order of priority (who to approach first): 1st: Your child's form tutor 2nd: Your child's Pastoral Leader 3rd: Your child's Year Leader

### Subject Enquiries - Curriculum Team Leaders

Art	Ms E Lattimore	e.lattimore@tgs.starmat.uk
Business & Commercial Subjects	Mr C Benoit	c.benoit@tgs.starmat.uk
Computing	Mr R Remillard	r.remillard@tgs.starmat.uk
Drama	Ms C Duckworth	c.duckworth@tgs.starmat.uk
English	Ms C Carson	c.carson@tgs.starmat.uk
Food & Nutrition	Ms H Hercberg	h.hercberg@tgs.starmat.uk
French	Ms M Butterworth	m.butterworth@tgs.starmat.uk
Geography	Ms L Ireland	l.ireland@tgs.starmat.uk
German	Ms A Baker	t.baker@tgs.starmat.uk
History	Mr A Crease	a.crease@tgs.starmat.uk
Mathematics	Mr R Power	r.power@tgs.starmat.uk
Music	Ms S Buckley	s.buckley@tgs.starmat.uk
Physical Education	Mr R Solk	r.solk@tgs.starmat.uk
RE	Ms T Askew	t.askew@tgs.starmat.uk
Science	Mr P Gomersal	p.gomersal@tgs.starmat.uk
SENDCO	Ms V Ward	v.ward@tgs.starmat.uk
Skills for Life	Ms A Henson	a.henson@tgs.starmat.uk
Social Sciences	Ms K Mitchell	k.mitchell@tgs.starmat.uk
Technology	Mr J Bell	j.bell@tgs.starmat.uk

## Pastoral enquiries

1st Contact - Form tutor

2nd Contact - Pastoral Leader

3rd Contact - Year Leader

### YEAR 7

Form	1st: Form Tutor	Email
7C1	Ms C. Carson Ms V .England	c.carson@tgs.starmat.uk v.england@tgs.starmat.uk
7C2	Ms C. Collinson Ms S. Campbell	c.collinson@tgs.starmat.uk s.campbell@tgs.starmat.uk
7D1	Mr C. Benoit	c.benoit@tgs.starmat.uk
7D2	Ms S. Buckley	s.buckley@tgs.starmat.uk
7F1	Mr K. Simpson	k.simpson@tgs.starmat.uk
7F2	Mr K. Pennock	k.pennock@tgs.starmat.uk
7O1	Mr R. Solk	r.solk@tgs.starmat.uk
7O2	Mr J. Bellwood	j.bellwood@tgs.starmat.uk
7T1	Ms E. Neuberger Ms N. Brown	e.neuberger@tgs.starmat.uk n.brown@tgs.starmat.uk
7T2	Ms E.Lattimore	e.lattimore@tgs.starmat.uk

	2nd: Pastoral Leader	3rd: Year Leader
Year 7	Mr D Bass d.bass@tgs.starmat.uk	Ms C Hodgson c.hodgson@tgs.starmat.uk
	Year 7 01937 833466 extension: Mr Bass 232 Ms Hodgson 218	

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3rd Contact - Year Leader

### YEAR 8

Form	1st: Form Tutor	Email
8C1	Dr M. Stephenson	m.stephenson@tgs.starmat.uk
8C2	Mr A. Allman	a.allman@tgs.starmat.uk
8D1	Ms T. Askew	t.askew@tgs.starmat.uk
8D2	Mr A. Stangroom	a.stangroom@tgs.starmat.uk
8F1	Ms K. Langstaff	k.langstaff@tgs.starmat.uk
8F2	Ms T. Baker Ms H. Cooney	t.baker@tgs.starmat.uk h.cooney@tgs.starmat.uk
8O1		
	Ms L. Solk Ms P. Parkin	l.solk@tgs.starmat.uk t.parkin@tgs.starmat.uk
8O2		
	Ms L. Ireland Ms V. Ward	l.ireland@tgs.starmat.uk v.ward@tgs.starmat.uk
8T1	Ms L. Fullerton	l.fullerton@tgs.starmat.uk
8T2	Mr P. Richardson Ms H. Cooney	p.richardson@tgs.starmat.uk h.cooney@tgs.starmat.uk

	2nd: Pastoral Leader	3rd: 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 extension: Ms Proctor 239 or Mr Punt 277	

## Pastoral enquiries

1st Contact - Form tutor

2nd Contact - Pastoral Leader

3rd Contact - Year Leader

### YEAR 9

Form	1st: Form Tutor	Email
9C1	Ms R. Thomas	r.thomas@tgs.starmat.uk
9C2	Mr P. Gomersal Ms G. Elliott	p.gomersal@tgs.starmat.uk g.elliott@tgs.starmat.uk
9D1	Ms R. Yellow	r.yellow@tgs.starmat.uk
9D2	Ms M. Butterworth	m.butterworrrth@tgs.starmat.uk
9F1	Mr J. Balfour	j.balfour@tgs.starmat.uk
9F2	Ms S. Micheli	s.micheli@tgs.starmat.uk
9O1	Ms L. Boddy Ms J. Pinder	l.boddy@tgs.starmat.uk j.pinder@tgs.starmat.uk
9O2	Ms H. Hercberg Ms K. Baron	h.hercberg@tgs.starmat.uk k.baron@tgs.starmat.uk
9T1	Mr C. Spence	c.spence@tgs.starmat.uk
9T2	Mr J. Bell	j.bell@tgs.starmat.uk

	2nd: Pastoral Leader	3rd: Year Leader
Year 9	<b>TEMPORARY</b> Ms C Beal c.beal@tgs.starmat.uk	Ms C Kenny c.kenny@tgs.starmat.uk
	Year 9 Phone number 01937 833466 extension: Ms Beal 316 or Ms Kenny 315	

## Pastoral enquiries

1st Contact - Form tutor

2nd Contact - Pastoral Leader

3rd Contact - Year Leader

### YEAR 10

Form	1st: Form Tutor	Email
10C1	Mr P. Holmes	p.holmes@tgs.starmat.uk
10C2		
	Mr R. Remillard	r.remillard@tgs.starmat.uk
10D1	Ms K. McGeechan Ms K. Tantum	k.mcgeechan@tgs.starmat.uk k.tantum@tgs.starmat.uk
10D2	Ms A. Henson	a.henson@tgs.starmat.uk
10F1	Ms L. Alderman Mr A. Cain	l.alderman@tgs.starmat.uk a.cain@tgs.starmat.uk
10F2	Mr R. Power Ms C. Foulds	r.power@tgs.starmat.uk c.foulds@tgs.starmat.uk
1001	Ms K. Heneachon Ms M. Petre	k.heneachon@tgs.starmat.uk m.petre@tgs.starmat.uk
1002	Mr M. McKie	m.mckie@tgs.starmat.uk
10T1	Ms R. Butterworth	r.butterworth@tgs.starmat.uk
10T2	Ms E. Stubbs	e.stubbs@tgs.starmat.uk

	2nd: Pastoral Leader	3rd: Year Leader
<b>Year 10</b>	Ms S.Loaring (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri) s.loaring@tgs.starmat.uk	Ms C Yewman c.yewman@tgs.starmat.uk
	Year 10 Phone number 01937 833466	

	extension: Ms Loaring 256 or Ms Yewman 293
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## Pastoral enquiries

1st Contact - Form tutor

2nd Contact - Pastoral Leader

3rd Contact - Year Leader

### YEAR 11

Form	1st: Form Tutor	Email
11C1	Mr O. Kenyon	o.kenyon@tgs.starmat.uk
11C2	Ms H. Richardson Ms V Hubbard	h.richardson@tgs.starmat.uk v.hubbard@tgs.starmat.uk
11D1	Ms J. Hodgson	jade.hodgson@tgs.starmat.uk
11D2	Ms R. Dickinson	r.dickinson@tgs.starmat.uk
11F1	Ms C. Duckworth	c.duckworth@tgs.starmat.uk
11F2	Ms J. Binks Ms E. Lindsay	j.binks@tgs.starmat.uk e.lindsay@tgs.starmat.uk
11O1	Mr J. Alderman	j.alderman@tgs.starmat.uk
11O2	Ms J. Alderson Ms L. Velvick	j.alderson@tgs.starmat.uk l.velvick@tgs.starmat.uk
11T1	Dr Z. Burgess	z.burgess@tgs.starmat.uk
11T2	Ms H. Stiles Ms L. Thompson	h.stiles@tgs.starmat.uk l.thompson@tgs.starmat.uk

	2nd: Pastoral Leader	3rd: Year Leader
<b>Year 11</b>	Pastoral Leader Mr J Fox j.fox@tgs.starmat.uk	Year Leader Ms D Naylor d.naylor@tgs.starmat.uk
	Year 11 Phone number 01937 833466 extension: Mr Fox 355 or Ms Naylor 236	





## Pastoral enquiries

1st Contact - Form tutor

2nd Contact - Pastoral Leader

3rd Contact - Director

### SIXTH FORM

Form	1st: Form Tutor	Email
12C	Mr M. Elsworth Ms N. Randall	m.elsworth@tgs.starmat.uk n.randell@tgs.starmat.uk
12D	Ms P. McKenzie Ms N. Randell	p.mckenzie@tgs.starmat.uk n.randall@tgs.starmat.uk
12F	Mr G. Dale	g.dale@tgs.starmat.uk
12O	Ms L.Bland Ms H. O'Connor	l.bland@tgs.starmat.uk h.oconnor@tgs.starmat.uk
12T	Ms H. Brydon Ms R.Miller-Noble	h.brydon@tgs.starmat.uk r.miller-noble@tgs.starmat.uk
13C	Mr A. Crease	a.crease@tgs.starmat.uk
13D	Ms K. Holmes	k.holmes@tgs.starmat.uk
13F	Mr S. Sharratt	s.sharratt@tgs.starmat.uk
13O	Ms K.Mitchell Dr B. Thorp	k.mitchell@tgs.starmat.uk b.thorp@tgs.starmat.uk
13T	Ms J. Kay	j.kay@tgs.starmat.uk

	2nd: Pastoral Leader	3rd: Director
<b>Sixth Form</b>	Ms J Gadsby j.gadsby@tgs.starmat.uk 01937 837635 or extension: 235	Ms R Knapton r.knapton@tgs.starmat.uk 01937 837623 or extension: 223

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## General contact with the school

Please ring Reception on: 01937 833466

Or use the following contact form: <https://tgs.starmat.uk/contact/>

'Thank You' - direct to the member of staff or via the contact form: <https://tgs.starmat.uk/contact/>

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