

Be Your Best Self

20th September 2021



Dear Parents & Carers (and students),

Thank you again for your support with the recent in-school Covid-19 lateral flow device testing programme. It feels wonderful to have the school fully open for all year groups.

Details about the Covid-19 vaccination programme for 12-15 year olds have started to filter through. [CLICK HERE](#) for the recently published guidance from the Health Security Agency. I will of course keep you posted about this government initiative. Please could I also signpost you to the information about Covid-19 mitigation measures in school later in this update.

This Saturday morning sees us opening our doors to all children and parents who are considering joining the Tadcaster Grammar School community in 2022 (the class of 2029!). If you are aware of any family, friends or colleagues who may like to come and have a look around our wonderful school, please could I ask you to refer them to the school website homepage for more details:

<https://sites.google.com/tgs.starmat.uk/tgs-year-6-into-7-transition/open-morning-2021>



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A blue banner with a white arrow pointing right, overlaid on an aerial photograph of a school campus. The banner contains the following text:

OPEN MORNING
SATURDAY 25th SEPTEMBER 2021
9am – 12pm
We warmly invite you to join us and look forward to meeting you!
Please click here to register 

A reminder that school will close early at 12.25pm on Friday 24th September 2021 prior to the Open Morning on Saturday 25th September 2021. Food will be available at morning break on Friday 24th September.

Kind regards,

Andrew Parkinson
Headteacher

Examinations Information - Years 10-13)

A number of documents will be sent to every student in Years 10 -13 this week. It is a mandatory requirement that students have this information (CLICK [HERE](#)). At the bottom of the webpage are all the documents they should be encouraged to read. We will also support this in school.

Ms Carol Langford-Smith
Examinations Officer
c.langford-smith@tgs.starmat.uk

COVID-19 MITIGATION MEASURES

This guidance was first sent to parents & carers on 14th September 2021
Updates highlighted in yellow

At the time of writing, the government is recommending that all students continue carrying out a lateral flow test twice a week. We have always recommended every Sunday and Wednesday, and to report all results [via the school website by 8pm on those 2 evenings](#) Please can I encourage you to continue to do this which will contribute significantly to keeping our school community as safe as possible. These tests should be carried out even if you feel well and have no symptoms.

Please report the following via the school website immediately:

- Positive lateral flow tests (AND any subsequent positive PCR tests)
- Positive PCR tests

If government guidance is updated and we are asked to continue with testing beyond September 2021, then we will inform you all immediately and distribute further test kits as required to students.

Could it be Covid-19?

There are many similarities between Covid-19, seasonal flu and the common cold and we appreciate that making the decision as a parent/carer is increasingly difficult in these uncertain times. As per existing government guidance, we are encouraging everyone to attend school if you are confident that it is no more than a standard cold, (that you would not normally keep your child off for).

Both Covid-19 and influenza (flu) can have varying degrees of signs and symptoms, ranging from no symptoms (asymptomatic) to severe symptoms. Unless we receive any change to the current government guidance, we are still only associating Covid-19 symptoms as being:

- A high temperature
- A new, continuous cough
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

Your child may come to school and will not be sent home with one or more of the following:

- A blocked or runny nose
- A sore throat
- A headache

What to do if my child has Covid-19 symptoms?

Please do not send your child to school. Report the student absence as 'Covid 19 symptoms' to Lisa Oxer, our School Attendance Officer, by contacting 01937 833466 or email attendance@tgs.starmat.uk

If you have not done so already, we will ask you to book in for a PCR test through the government website which [can be found here](#). You may want to carry out an LFT as well. However, as a school, we can only accept the result of a PCR test if your child has symptoms. Your child must self isolate until the result comes back. Remote learning will be provided via their Google Classroom, until they are able to return to school.

What to do if my child has tested positive for Covid-19?

Please do not send your child to school. They must self isolate for 10 days from the date of positive test, or onset of symptoms.

You must first inform the school via the link on the website which [can be found here](#). Please do not report this to school via email, telephone call or in person. The link on the school website, feeds straight into our central record system. This can be done at any time or day and we ask that you submit this information, via the link on the website, as soon as you possibly can.

In addition, we ask that you contact Lisa Oxer, School Attendance Officer, during office hours, to discuss next steps for your child such as establishing a return date to school. We will also ask you to send a copy of the confirmatory positive result to us.

Once a return date is established, we will alter our school register accordingly for your child so that it is accurate and up to date. Please may I remind you that as per current guidance, household members who are fully vaccinated or who are under 18 years and 6 months will not need to self isolate, but should get a PCR test. Therefore, siblings should continue to come to school (even while waiting for their PCR result) unless they too are symptomatic.

Household members who do not fit the above criteria must isolate for 10 days from the date of test or onset of symptoms

What do I do if my child is self isolating due to symptoms but has now tested negative?

Please contact the school office and inform us immediately. You will be asked to send the confirmatory negative result to us. A negative result means your child can return to school straight away (on the same day if viable) if they are well enough to do so.

Do I send my child into school if someone in the house has symptoms or has tested positive for Covid-19?

Yes, if your child is under the age of 18 years and 6 months, they are still expected to attend school. If they then develop symptoms, they should self isolate and seek a PCR test.

What do I do if I have been contacted by NHS track and trace and informed that my child has been a close contact?

NHS Track and Trace will only ask close contacts to self isolate if they are over the age of 18 and 6 months and not vaccinated. There is no requirement for children or young people under the age of 18 years and 6 months, regardless of their vaccine status, to self isolate, whilst awaiting the results of their PCR test, if they have been asked to get one due to being a close contact.

What do I do if my child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19?

Our school procedure is for parents/carers to notify by phone or email 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.

As a reminder, 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 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.

What happens if there are a number of positive Covid-19 cases reported to school in my child's year group?

We are regularly taking advice from North Yorkshire County Council and Public Health England (PHE) regarding the actions school will be required to take if we see an increase in positive Covid-19 cases which are reported to school. If a particular year group records a number of positive Covid 19 cases which meets a PHE threshold, parents and carers of the children in that year group will receive a letter from the school, which is likely to read as follows:

I am writing to let you know there have been a number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 within (Year group), and your child may have had contact with them during their infectious period.

Schools are no longer expected to identify the close contacts of cases of COVID-19 (unless in very exceptional circumstances) - this is done by the national Test and Trace system.

Test and Trace may be in touch with you in the coming days if your child is identified as a close contact by them, but as a school we will not pass personal contact details on to the case[s] to share with Test and Trace.

Children who are close contacts of someone with COVID-19 are no longer required to isolate unless they develop symptoms. However they are advised to get a PCR test, and they are at a higher risk of developing COVID-19 in the days after the contact. They do not need to be isolated while they wait for the result, unless they have symptoms.

Your child should continue to attend school unless they develop symptoms of COVID-19 or are unwell. If they do develop symptoms, please keep your child at home and book a PCR test for them.

Mr R Vernon

Deputy Headteacher

r.vernon@tgs.starmat.uk

KEY CONTACTS IN SCHOOL

(NO CHANGES SINCE LAST LETTER)

General contact with the school

Please ring Reception on: 01937 833466

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

'Thank You's' to individual staff: via TGS email address or <https://tgs.starmat.uk/contact/>

Individual teaching 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 Herberg	h.herberg@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	

	or extension: 232 / 218
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Pastoral enquiries

1st Contact - Form tutor

2nd Contact - Pastoral Leader

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 or extension: 239 / 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	TEMPORARY Ms C Beal c.beal@tgs.starmat.uk	Ms C Kenny c.kenny@tgs.starmat.uk
	Year 9 Phone number 01937 833466 or extension: 316 / 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
10O1	Ms K. Heneachon Ms M. Petre	k.heneachon@tgs.starmat.uk m.petre@tgs.starmat.uk
10O2	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
Year 10	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	

	or extension: 256 / 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
Year 11	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 or extension: 339 / 327	

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. Thorpe	k.mitchell@tgs.starmat.uk b.thorpe@tgs.starmat.uk
13T	Ms J. Kay	j.kay@tgs.starmat.uk

	2nd: Pastoral Leader	3rd: Director
Sixth Form	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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