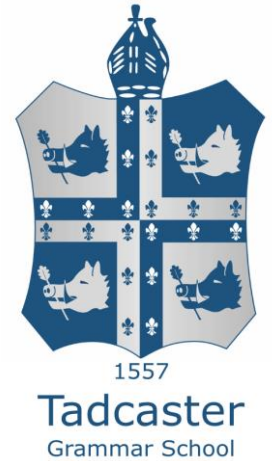


Be Your Best Self

14th October 2021

Dear Parents, Carers & Students,

I hope this finds you well?



Covid-19 Update

We are continuing to review our position regarding the number of confirmed Covid-19 positive cases in the school community in consultation with the North Yorkshire Public Health Team. 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.

As part of our Covid-19 control measures, we have postponed a number of school trips, events and sporting fixtures. The November 2021 Year 7 residential has been postponed until July 2022.

Staff absence as a result of Covid-19, in addition to absence for other health reasons, has meant that we have had daily challenges fully staffing the school to keep it open for all students. The teacher cover agencies we use continue to report unprecedented shortages of staff. Since the start of the Autumn term, many specialist staff in school have been voluntarily covering extra classes in addition to their normal contracted duties and teaching timetables to ensure continuity of education on a daily basis. I wish to thank all staff for this selfless commitment to the school.

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 and in classrooms. We are noticing that a significant number of students are not arriving at school with their own face covering. We cannot provide face coverings as a matter of routine in school and are looking to families to support us with this. 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 12th 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](#)

We will be sharing a school newsletter with you next week which will give a flavour of the activities that have taken place in school this half-term.

Kind regards,

Andrew Parkinson
Headteacher

Covid-19 Immunisation Programme for 12-15 Year Olds

At this time, we are still awaiting contact from the NHS concerning the timeline for this programme and details about the school's role in facilitating it.

Applications to Tadcaster Grammar School for September 2022

It has been wonderful to be able to showcase the school at both our Open Morning in September and during additional after school tours this month. As we approach the deadline for admissions for Year 7 next academic year on October 31st please remember that our admission authority is North Yorkshire County Council.

If you do not live in North Yorkshire, whether you are in catchment or not, please use your home local authority, be it York or Leeds to apply and use the drop down "other local authority". If you have any queries regarding admissions into Year 7 please contact transition@tgs.starmat.uk

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