

12th February 2020

Tudor Grange Academy
Worcester



Dear Parents and Carers

As this half term draws to a close I would like to thank you all for your support and positivity for our remote provision. We have been reviewing provision regularly and seeking the views of pupils and parents and we will be working to enhance online learning still further after half term. The findings indicated that enormous progress has been achieved by staff and students in a very short window. There is clearly a wealth of remote provision expertise at TGAW and I envisage this practice will have a lasting impact on the future and experience of education.

Contact tracing over February half term

We are required by Public Health England to continue to play an important role in contact tracing during holidays in a national effort to limit the spread of the virus. The Academy does *not* need to take action if a pupil develops symptoms *more than* 48 hours since being in school. In this event, parents and carers should follow the contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace. However, if a pupil still attending school tests positive *within* 48 hours (i.e. anytime before Monday 15th February), we will need you to contact us as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school. Please use our dedicated school email address: positivetest@worcs.tgacademy.org.uk which will be monitored daily. A reminder of symptoms from Public Health and a link to book a test is available on [Parent Post](#).

Ready Steady Worcestershire



www.worcestershire.gov.uk/readysteadyworcs provides information about food, activities and support available to families and children during the holidays. There is an interactive map you can use to locate organisations in your local area which can provide families with food. There are also details of activities available in communities and ideas for activities at home, particularly useful if you are self-isolating; and support for managing stress, relationships, and well-being.

Here2Help

www.worcestershire.gov.uk/here2help is available for families needing to self-isolate and unable to get support from friends, family or neighbours.

Back to School

I hope everyone will have had a break from screen time and been able to introduce a little more movement and activity into their lives. The Government has indicated that a roadmap out of lockdown will be published in the week commencing 22nd February. The Education Secretary has confirmed that schools will receive a two week notice period before reopening in order to allow staff to prepare for the return of pupils. If it is announced that school will continue to stay closed significantly beyond the current suggested date of 8th March, then we intend to repeat our 'book drive thru'. This would take place on Friday 26th February, with further communication to follow, should it be required. Infection rates remain "alarmingly high" and a judgement needs to be made about the effectiveness of the vaccines. We will of course keep you informed and for the time being remote learning and small school will restart on Monday 22nd February. In the meantime, I wish you all a healthy and relaxing week ahead.

Yours sincerely,

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