



**Tudor Grange Academy Solihull**  
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Dear Parent / Carer

We are very much looking forward to welcoming all students back to school next week.

In this letter I will share some key updates and provide some general information which I hope you will find useful as you prepare for their return.

### **FAQ**

This [FAQ document](#) was sent to all parents / carers on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March and contains answers to queries that have been raised about testing and the wider re-opening of school.

### **Attendance**

As we return to school, I would like to remind you of the school's expectations regarding attendance and punctuality. Now the circumstances and guidance around COVID have changed, it is vital that all children return to school to minimise the longer-term impact of the pandemic on their education, well-being and wider development. The guidance from the DfE is that school attendance will be mandatory again for all students from the week commencing Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

Attendance and punctuality will be monitored, and sanctions reintroduced for students who are absent from school without a valid reason.

In line with the latest government guidance, students who are clinically extremely vulnerable and on the shielding patient list should not attend school. If your child is in this group and you think we are not aware, please contact the school as soon as possible, to enable us to put appropriate support in place.

### **Uniform and PE Kit**

We expect that all students will wear uniform to school when they return. Some children may have grown out of footwear and uniform they had previously and we would ask that, if this is the case, you make arrangements for items to be replaced as soon as possible. We fully understand that this is not as easy whilst shops are not open and want to reassure you that we will be understanding in light of these circumstances. If you anticipate this being an issue, please inform your child's college leader.

Parents / carers should also note that, due to the boy's gym changing rooms being used as part of the testing centre, boys will not have facilities to change for PE between Monday 8<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March. For this time period, boys should wear their PE kit to school on days when they have a timetabled practical PE lesson. Blazers should also be worn so we can easily identify students as belonging to a year group and so we can maintain year group bubbles at social times. Boys are permitted to wear plain dark tracksuit bottoms (for this time period only) for additional warmth if required.

You will be aware that we have conducted a uniform review and there will be some minor changes that will come into effect from September 2021. We will share the updated uniform policy with you before Easter to allow you to prepare.





### **Information to share with your children**

In preparation for their return, we would be grateful if you could share this [presentation](#) with students. This contains information about what to expect on their return to school and key reminders of expectations and protocols that are in place to reduce the risk of transmission in our school community.

The presentation is on STREAM and students will need their normal log in details to gain access. The presentation automatically moves on, although of course you can pause if there are sections you / your child want to spend longer on. We hope that sharing this information will reassure students and make the transition back to school as smooth as possible next week.

This [information booklet](#) has also been updated with key measures that are in place to reduce the risk to the TG community.

### **Information for students in Year 11 and 13**

Further information for students in these year groups regarding assessments and the remainder of the Academic year can be found at the links below.

[Information for students in Year 11](#) (including a link to the [assessment timetable](#)).

[Information for students in Year 13](#)

### **Information from West Midlands Police**

We have been asked to share [this COVID newsletter](#) with you, produced by West Midlands Police. Please take the time to read this with your child before they return.

### **Finally**

It has been wonderful to see students on site today for testing and I am very much looking forward to welcoming everyone back next week. There will be further information to follow regarding home testing and, of course, we will keep you informed of any positive cases in the school community, as we did throughout the Autumn Term. I am aware that there is a great deal of messaging from the school at this time, but I am reassured by the many comments that we are receiving about how important this regular communication is to you.

As always, if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Smith  
Principal

