



## Tudor Grange Academy Redditch

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As per my correspondence yesterday, I am writing to you with an update and to notify you about a change to the arrangements for the beginning of the spring term.

You may already be aware that the DfE made two significant announcements yesterday:

- Schools have been asked to switch to remote learning for the week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> January for all students apart from years 11 and 13 and for students of key workers and vulnerable students
- Mass testing of students and staff will be rolled out in January in all schools to reduce transmission of the virus and the disruption this causes to education

You can find a press release written by the DfE about the staggered start to the new term and the intended roll out of testing in schools [here](#). The DfE have also published a blog answering some of the most frequently asked questions already emerging about testing [here](#).

Yesterday we received a handbook outlining the arrangements we need to put in place for testing staff and students and we will read this carefully during the Christmas break. We will now need to use the **4<sup>th</sup> January as an INSET day** to understand the latest detailed arrangements for mass testing and to begin to put the arrangements for this in place, this will include communicating more details to you and requesting your permissions and also to ensure that teachers are prepared for teaching many of their classes remotely. Remote teaching will begin on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January for years 9, 10 and 12 students who will be following a remote learning timetable. This consists of three live lessons a day delivered via Teams and students will be expected to work independently on the tasks set during the remaining of the day. All tasks will be published on show my homework and one piece of work per live lesson will need to be completed by students. More information about accessing our remote provision is attached.

We are aware that some families have been allocated laptops but have still not collected them. We will send a separate text/email to all those allocated to arrange collection on the 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021. If your child does not know their password details, then they must contact the school on the 4<sup>th</sup> January by emailing [itservices@redditch.tgacademy.org.uk](mailto:itservices@redditch.tgacademy.org.uk)

**Years 11 and 13 should attend school as normal from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January.**



We think that we know our children of key workers and our vulnerable children in years 9 and 10 who will need to attend school on site. We will email you on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January** to confirm that your child will be attending our small school provision and what the arrangements will be, please follow the instructions in the email. If we do not contact you and you consider that you should be accessing the provision on site, then please email [mainoffice@redditch.tgacademy.org.uk](mailto:mainoffice@redditch.tgacademy.org.uk) **before 12pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> January at the latest** so that we know precise numbers to expect.

Once again, I am sorry to have written to you with changes to our arrangements so late before the Christmas break. I assure you that we will continue to do our very best to deal with the dynamic situation we are in, and I am so grateful to you for your constant support during a very difficult time.

In the new year we will continue to strive for the very best for your child; in the meantime, I do hope that you and your family are able to stay safe and enjoy a rest and peace during the break.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs Jodie Bolter  
**Principal Tudor Grange Academy Redditch**