

TGS: ARRANGEMENTS FOR TUESDAY 5 TO FRIDAY 8 JANUARY (KEYWORKERS, TESTING, EXAMS, MASKS)

Monday, 04/01/2021
17:46To Prime Parents of:  EMAIL

Dear families,

Thank you for your continued support, particularly as guidance changes. This is the current situation as at 5:40 pm on Monday. If things change we will email you again.

KEY WORKER PROGRAMME FROM TUESDAY 5 JANUARY

Children of key workers start to attend school and attend their normal lessons from Tuesday 5 January.

Children attending school should enter by the Lightwell doors, where they will be greeted and registered. School transport is running as usual. Food will be available to buy from the Lightwell during breaks and lunch, and free school meals will also be available to those who usually receive them. They should be in school uniform and face masks can be worn in lessons if students wish to. They will not need to bring a PE Kit.

If you would like your child to attend school as part of our programme for children of key workers please email keyworkers@tgschool.net.

An updated list of who this provision is for, including students who may have difficulty engaging with remote education at home (for example due to a lack of devices or quiet space to study) is available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

ARRANGEMENTS FOR REMOTE TEACHING

Tuesday 5 January

Work for children at home will be provided for exam groups (Years 11 and 13) via Go4Schools.

Wednesday 6 January to Friday 8 January

Years 10, 11, 12 & 13 will have their normal timetabled lessons delivered online with their teacher using Google Classroom. Years 7, 8 & 9 will have work set according to their usual timetabled lessons via Go4Schools.

Please ensure your child has checked Go4Schools each day to see the tasks set.

If they require any particular support they should email their teacher. If it is a purely technical query then they may email kbuckle@tgschool.net for help accessing Go4Schools, or helpdesk@tgschool.net for help accessing their Google email account.

For lessons taking place by video students should be in a quiet space at home, and if available have their camera on to help staff gauge their focus and provide the best possible communication. The system used via Google Meet is secure and only available for students to use while a teacher is present. Apps are available to download for Google Classroom, Google Meet and Go4Schools which may help students accessing lessons more easily.

TESTING

Thank you to the large number of you who have completed the permission form for the testing programme. We have received the necessary supplies and will complete staff training tomorrow.

We have sufficient staff to safely conduct the tests, however if you would be willing to consider volunteering to provide extra capacity if needed please email testing@tgschool.net to find out more about what this would involve.

You will receive further information and access to a booking system tomorrow to enable you to plan your visit to have your child tested.

A reminder that these tests will be optional and students who are sixteen and over do not need parental permission to be tested but we do need them to complete the permission form.

A copy of our original letter regarding testing is attached. If you still wish to give permission for your child to be tested please complete this online form <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/QKR9F8D>

MASKS WITHIN LESSONS

We have reviewed our control measures for students and staff within lessons. From this week students and staff who wish to may wear masks within lessons and exams. Masks will still be compulsory to be worn when moving around congested areas between lessons, and when students are not eating but are in groups within the school building.

EXAMS

All public exams scheduled for January will go ahead as planned. Subject teachers will confirm with students the arrangements for any additional online revision sessions. This is for students in Y12 & 13 Business, Y12 & 13 Health & Social Care, Y13 Sport, Y13 Forensic Science, Y10 & 11 Media, Y12 Maths Resit and Y10 Engineering.

If you have any questions please contact us.

We are so grateful for all the support that students and their families continue to give us.

Regards, Thomas Gainsborough School.

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