## Tudor Grange Samworth Academy



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26<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parent / Carer,

As we reach the end of this extremely unusual term, we would like to take this opportunity to express our pride and admiration in how brilliant everyone in our school community has been working together in the face of the immense change and disruption during this pandemic.

In secondary, one of the many challenges we have faced together has been the mass testing in school and the self-testing at home. We have really appreciated your support and could not have done this without you. Below is key information to support you over the Easter period.

- 1. It is important that pupils continue to self-test over the Easter holidays. The school has issued all pupils who give consent and received 3 LFT tests with an additional home test kit.
- 2. Home tests need to be part of your child's routine for the next few weeks. Pupils should take their tests on Sunday and Wednesday evenings. An instruction leaflet has been included and a demonstration video can be found on the website or <u>click here.</u>
- 3. Plan for your child to take the final LFT on **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April**. This would ensure a safe return to school for all staff and pupils.
- 4. Test results need to be recorded in two locations:-
  - NHS Test and Trace site (instructions on page 15 of the leaflet given alongside the test packs)
  - School Screener please <u>click here</u> to see our Guide to Recording Results. You will need to log to the School Screener account you created when you gave consent. This is really important so the school can monitor the number of tests and the test results.
- 5. If results are not submitted for the test kits we have issued, we will not be able to issue further test kits after the Easter holidays.
- 6. If you or your child develop symptoms (high temperature, new continuous cough, loss or change in sense of smell or taste) over Easter they need to book a PCR test via the <u>national</u> <u>website</u> or by calling 119.

We have been impressed by how the children have returned to school, they have embraced their learning and enjoyed spending time with their friends. Year 11 in particular have been working hard in their assessments and listening to feedback and advice on how to improve their work.

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Teachers have been working diligently to ensure the assessments for Year 11 are marked accurately, moderating with teachers from across the Tudor Grange family of schools. This is to ensure that every child gets the GCSE result they really deserve.

As you are aware we having been focused on ensuring our TGSA standards remain high and have already contacted you if we have any concerns with uniform. We want to support you with this as we understand the struggles some families have experienced due to Covid, so please contact us if you are worried about anything.

School reopens on Monday April 12<sup>th</sup> and we look forward to welcoming our children back for the summer term. We are expecting, as restrictions lift, that we will be able to run more after school activities for children to be involved in and we are also hoping for a 'summer extravaganza' at the end of term where children will be able to act, sing, dance and perform in a showcase of Tudor's Got Talent, to end the year on a high!

Thank you again for your support and we wish you all a restful Easter break.

Yours sincerely

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