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Dear Parents and Carers

I want to thank all families for their continued patience and understanding during the pandemic. I am well aware of the frustration caused by some of the guidance in schools regarding self-isolation and testing. I know, at times, you may feel this doesn't make any sense and can be contradictory. Nevertheless, you will also appreciate that as a school we have to follow the guidance to the letter. I am very much looking forward to the day when we can return to normal schooling and indeed life.

I have been so impressed with the way students have come back into school following the winter lockdown. Of particular note, has been their conduct and attitudes to learning. In the main, they have wasted little time in getting, 'stuck back in' to their classroom learning and they have clearly enjoyed being back in lessons, amongst their friends and getting back to normal. Similarly, I have been impressed with the manner in which students have conducted themselves with testing and remote learning. Students have demonstrated a great maturity during this national crisis and they should be proud of their efforts so far.

COVID testing over Easter

We will be contact tracing during the Easter holidays until **10:00 am on Tuesday, 6 April**. If your child tests positive at the start of the holidays and was in school 48 hours before any symptoms started, or their positive test result is asymptomatic, then you need to contact school via the MyEd App so that we can identify close contacts and ask them to isolate within Government guidelines.

Those that have consented to home testing should continue to test twice weekly during the Easter holidays and confirm your results to both NHS Track & Trace and to the school using the links on the school website [Asymptomatic COVID-19 Testing from 8 March 2021 – Temple Moor \(tmhs.co.uk\)](https://www.tmhs.co.uk/Asymptomatic-COVID-19-Testing-from-8-March-2021) All students need to test on the evening of Sunday, 18 April 2021 before returning to school to ensure we find and isolate any positive cases prior to the new term.

Uniform expectations after Easter

All students will be expected to be wearing the correct uniform when they return after Easter. You will be aware that, from Easter, students have the option to wear their blue Temple Moor polo shirt for the summer term. Any students wearing the incorrect uniform, including trainers, their PE kit on a day when they don't have PE, or wearing non-TMHS branded sports tops, will be secluded until their uniform issue has been rectified. If there are any issues that means your child is not able to wear the correct uniform, we will need you to contact your child's Pastoral Officer to discuss this. A note in the student's planner alone will not suffice. We will of course, endeavour to work with you and will help where we can to ensure your child is attired correctly for school. Please work with us to ensure that this is the case. At Temple Moor, we consider uniform and the presentation of students to be part of the fundamental building blocks that underpin a positive ethos and mindset that enable a student to be successful in school.



Staff leaving

We are sad to have to say goodbye to two of our most senior staff in school at Easter. That being our Associate Principals, Clair Foden and Stuart Huddleston. Miss Foden, has secured a role as the new Headteacher at Lady Lumley's School in Pickering and Mr Huddleston will become the new Principal at Temple Learning Academy. They have both served this school well during their time with us, and we know many connected to the school, past and present, will join us in thanking them for their efforts and in wishing them the best in their new schools.

Finally, I want to thank you for your continued support of the school during these difficult times. I very much hope you can get some quality time with family and friends during the Easter break. It is well overdue.

My very best wishes.

Yours faithfully



Matthew West
Principal

