

Up & coming dates

Y9 Virtual Options Evening: 19/1/22
Y11 Mock Exams: w/c 31/1/22
Y7, 8 and 10 data home to parents: w/c 31/1/22
ARCH Day 3: 3/2/22
Todmorden Together: 9/2/22
Parent Governor Forum: 17/2/22
Spring Half Term: 19/2/22

Friday 7/1/2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for everyone who got involved in our testing scheme and for your support as parents and carers while we have gone through these routines. The testing was successful with very few positives appearing throughout the few days we conducted them. We are really looking forward to having all our year groups back with us by next Tuesday. Apologies for any disruption that the staggered start has caused for you, but thanks once more for your support with this. **We have LFD tests in school for you. Your child can take some home for you and your family.**

Our risk assessment has been updated and is available to view in the key information menu of our website (address above). We have updated this to reflect changes in government policy and to demonstrate how we are protecting our staff and students during the ongoing covid-19 pandemic. We are asking that staff and students wear their masks in the classroom and indoor communal areas, to prevent the spread of covid-19.

The way in which we contact parents regarding positive covid cases in school has changed slightly. The notification will be made via an announcement on ClassCharts and will look like the version shown below:

We have been made aware of a confirmed case of COVID-19. The person was in school, whilst infectious, on the following dates... It is likely, if your child was in school on the dates above, they will have encountered the infectious person. Please undertake an LFD test daily for seven days from the last point of potential contact. Your child may continue to attend school throughout this period unless they have a positive test or develop symptoms. You can obtain LFD kits from pharmacies or online at www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flowtests. Alternatively, we have a supply in school you can make use of.

There is more information regarding covid guidance in school contained in the letter circulated to parents on 4/1/22 addressed from Mrs Rawlinson. If you have not yet read this letter please access it via your ClassCharts, or you can read it on our website [Spring 2022 - Todmorden High School \(todhigh.co.uk\)](http://www.todhigh.co.uk).

You will have read in the news regarding the possibility of flexible teaching, as Education Minister Nadhim Zahawi has encouraged schools to merge classes to deal with staff shortages. This idea has been posed to us to enable us to deal with potential staff shortages due to the omicron variant, as a short-term measure. We have discussed this as a Senior Leadership Team and the options we have available to us to enable us to remain open to our students, who have already missed so much of their education due to the pandemic. Over the coming weeks I will continue to keep lines of communication open with parents and keep you fully informed on how we are dealing with the pandemic in school in order to continue to educate our students.



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Next Wednesday I will be hosting my first fortnightly Virtual Parent Drop in of 2022 on Microsoft Teams and would welcome any discussion there regarding covid-19 measures and any other school related issues. Please do drop in and speak with me on a one-to-one basis, virtually. The information will be circulated via ClassCharts and on social media before the day.

Last night we launched our Virtual Presentation Evening. We are very saddened to find that we are still unable to host this event in person, however we are very excited to be able to celebrate our students' achievements in this virtual forum. Please do visit our website and look at the fantastic achievements and prizes gained by our Year 11 cohort 2020-2021. We are so proud of all that they achieved in the face of covid-19 and all the other challenges that sitting your examinations present: [Virtual Presentation Evening - Todmorden High School \(todhigh.co.uk\)](https://www.todhigh.co.uk).

I do hope you had a lovely break with your families and managed to spend some much-needed time together over the festive period. As always, if you have any concerns or questions please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Yours Sincerely,



Gill Shirt
Headteacher



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