



Tudor Grange Primary Academy
Meon Vale

1st February 2021

Dear Parent/Carer(s),

I do hope that you all managed to have a restful weekend and we have at least avoided another Monday full of snow!

This week marks 'Children's Mental Health Week 2021' and I have attached a booklet which may be helpful for both you and your son/daughter. I know that remote learning can feel impossible at times and this third lockdown seems to have hit many of us more than last time. It will get better and we will soon be looking back on this time and looking forward to the future. You are all doing an amazing job and sometimes we just need to remind ourselves of this.

We have always prided ourselves on our small school community and looking after one another and I think this is one of the things we really do well. I have loved seeing all the work that students have produced this week and the positive parent comments and emails. Thank you for taking the time to send these in, please don't underestimate how pleased we are to receive these and sometimes it's just what we need!

Half term is soon approaching, and I am sure that we are all looking forward to a week off remote learning and the chance to relax. We have received communication from the Department of Education that schools will not be expected to open in the half term holiday to key workers or vulnerable students. Therefore, the school will close to all staff and students. This will allow both staff and students to take a much-needed break ready to face the new term and to deal with any further announcements. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Should your son/daughter test positive for coronavirus over the holiday period and has been in school as part of the small school provision, I would ask that you please inform the school so that I can follow our usual procedures and let the local public health team know. Please email meonvale@tgacademy.org.uk. I will be monitoring emails daily during half term between 4 and 5pm so that I can deal with any positive cases and ensure that the Track and Trace team have all of the information they require.

Lastly, just a reminder about the common symptoms of coronavirus are:

- A high temperature, and/or
- A new and continuous cough
- A loss or change to sense of smell or taste

If you, or anyone in your family, has these symptoms now or in the future, stay at home for 10 days from when your symptoms started, even if you are mildly unwell. All other members of your household will need to self-isolate for 14 days. This is to protect others in



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your community. Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital. If you or your child become very unwell then contact NHS 111 for advice.

Testing for people with symptoms is available and more information can be found [here](#).

Precautions

There are things you can do to avoid catching or spreading coronavirus:

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- when you leave your home, always wash your hands when you return
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards
- try to avoid close contact with people who are unwell

More information on COVID-19 is available on these websites from the [NHS](#) and the [Government](#).

Yours sincerely,

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