

Thorpe Life

Excellence for all

Issue 1 – 10 September 2021



Health and Safety Special Edition



ARE you showing you ARE?
 Aspirational by being neat and presentable
 Respectful by following instructions
 Engaged by being focused on your work

www.thorpestandrewschool.org |
 Twitter @tsas_norwich |
 office-tsa@yare-edu.org.uk

We are really looking forward to welcoming all Year Groups back to school next week. Testing has been really successful with the vast majority of students coming in and induction programmes have ensured all students are fully prepared for school. This edition includes essential information to support your start to school and updated COVID-19 guidance and advice.



P. Bignell

From September 2021, following our Pastoral Reorganisation in order to achieve 'Excellence for All', we will continue to operate as Year Group Schools and communities. This enables us to develop our pastoral support and curriculum for each Year Group school. This structure also continues to support hygiene measures to reduce the risk of illness and infection of any kind and organisation of health and safety practice that have become established to minimise loss of learning due to children having time off through any illness (or COVID-19 isolation periods). All students will move across sites for lessons to our dedicated curriculum areas.

Each Year School will have its own entrance, outdoor play area and field, dining hall and catering facilities.

Team Role	Year 7 School	Year 8 School	Year 9 School	Year 10 School	Year 11 School	Sixth Form
Head of School	Miss Allen	Mr Dewar	Mrs Wilkinson	Mr Pywell	Mr Hookway	Ms Bernard
Head of Year	Mr Robb Miss Turner	Mr Asker	Mr Coleman	Mr Bowman	Ms McCloy	Miss Sadler - Year 12 Miss Woodcock - Year 13
Assistant Head of Year	Miss Webb	Miss Cassam	Mr Mickleburgh	Mr Finch	Mr Woodhouse	Mr Elliott - Year 12 Miss Elgar - Year 13
BEST Lead	Mrs Howes	Mr Winter	Mrs Thetford	Ms Larkman	Ms Bond	Mrs Batson
BEST Assistant	Mrs Watker	Mrs Byram	Mrs Taylor	Mrs Broomfield	Mrs Norman	Mr Durrant
Administrative Support	Miss Evans	Mrs Miller	Mrs Jones	Miss Humphrey	Miss Banham	Mrs Wheatley

Testing Following the Government instructed on site testing over the last week, please restart twice weekly testing and report results via this [LINK](#).

We recommend these are completed on Sunday and Wednesday.

If you attend a large event for example a wedding, a concert or a football match, we recommend you test every day for the following seven days. This proactive action will help reduce the spread of COVID-19 into the school community and it is detected before you leave home.

If you are running out of test kits, please collect from your Year Group BEST or Sixth Form BEST.

Schools are still required to report Positive COVID-19 cases and the numbers determine the need or not to move to a contingency plan.

Please ensure all positive cases are reported to our Attendance Officer by calling the absence line, 01603 497722 or via email office-tsa@yare-edu.org.uk or for Sixth Form, Mrs Wheatley.

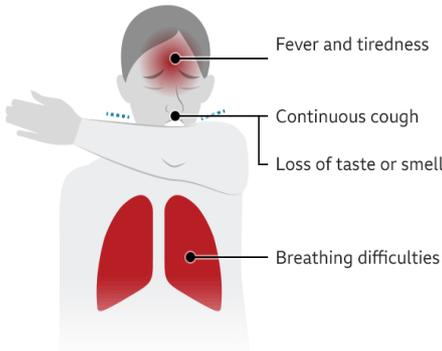
Children aged between 12 to 15 are not currently being vaccinated but children aged between 12 to 15 can get vaccinated against COVID-19 if either:

- they live with someone who is more likely to get infections (such as someone who has HIV, has had a transplant or is having certain treatments for cancer, lupus or rheumatoid arthritis)
 - they have a condition that means they are at high risk from COVID-19.
- For more information, please follow this [LINK](#).



ARE you showing you ARE?
Aspirational by being neat and presentable
Respectful by following instructions
Engaged by being focused on your work

Coronavirus: Key symptoms



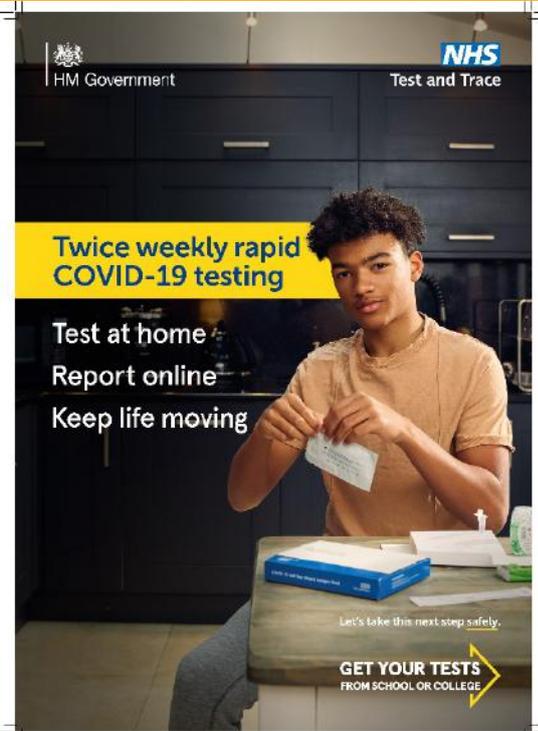
If any student experiences symptoms of COVID-19 they **MUST NOT** attend school until they have had a negative test. Please follow the [LINK](#) for COVID-19 symptoms and what you will need to do.

If a student needs to self-isolate at home we will follow our planned remote learning procedure as detailed below.

In the event of an individual, a group of students or a

whole bubble/Year Group having to isolate, work will be set remotely.

It is therefore important that students return to school **immediately** following a negative COVID-19 test.



- From 16 August, close contacts who are fully vaccinated or those under 18 will **NOT** need to self isolate.
- All close contacts will be advised to take a PCR test – you should encourage anyone identified as a close contact to do this 48 hours after contact.
- Individuals identified as close contacts will not need to self-isolate while they are awaiting the results of their test .
- If the PCR result is positive, the individual must isolate and NHS Test and Trace will work with them to identify any close contacts.

Close Contact Advice If you have been identified by NHS Test and Trace or have been in close contact with a positive case (for example a family member or close friend), there remains a risk that you can still be infected with COVID-19 and pass it on to others so students need to be cautious when in school.

How will a child or young person know what is meant by 'close contact'?

NHS Test and Trace will contact those who test positive - or their parent or legal guardian - to identify close contacts. They will ask a series of specific questions to help the individual understand what is meant by a close contact, making it easier for them to be identified. Contacts in an educational setting would only be traced if the positive case specifically identified an individual as having close, prolonged contact. The education or childcare setting would not be contacted to provide details of close contacts.

How will a setting know if a student or member of staff has tested positive?

Students and staff members who record a positive LFD or PCR test should let their setting know. Individuals who return a positive LFD result will need to self-isolate immediately and order a confirmatory PCR test. If the PCR test is taken within 2 days and is negative, the individual no longer needs to self-isolate. If the PCR result is positive, the individual must self-isolate and contact tracing will be conducted by NHS Test and Trace.

Where settings are aware of any student or staff members that are identified as close contacts they should advise them of the following:

- Continue with twice weekly LFD tests and it is recommended that this is increased to daily testing for 10 days.
- If your LFD test is positive at any point, take a confirmatory PCR test within 2 days. You must isolate until you have the results of your PCR. If it is positive you must follow isolation requirements and if negative continue with LFD testing. If you do not take a confirmatory PCR or cannot take one within 2 days you must follow isolation rules.
- If you develop symptoms at any time you must isolate and get a PCR test. You must stay in isolation until you have the result. If your test is negative but you feel unwell follow the NHS guidance [here](#).
- Wear a face covering if possible in school and maintain a respectful space from students and staff to avoid possible spreading of COVID-19.



ARE you showing you ARE?
 Aspirational by being neat and presentable
 Respectful by following instructions
 Engaged by being focused on your work

Contact Tracing Journey For children and young people in education and childcare settings

IMPORTANT: If, at any point, a student, pupil or staff member begins displaying symptoms they must follow government guidelines, order a PCR test and self-isolate.



Signpost to other advice:

- Support if you're off work while self-isolating: <https://bit.ly/isolatesupport>
- If you're worried about your health, visit <https://www.nhs.uk>, or call 111.
- Remote learning advice: <https://bit.ly/covidhomelearning>
- Printable [action list](#) for schools/colleges for children with symptoms

For more information please follow this [LINK](#).



Measures and Actions

- Hygiene measures to reduce risk of illness and infection of **any kind**.
- Hand sanitiser **must** be used on arrival to school at your Year School entrance only.
- Hand sanitiser available to use at entrances to all buildings.
- Handwashing/sanitiser use encouraged before and after breaks, going to the toilet, and before and after eating. Facilities are available in all dining areas.
- Promote good respiratory hygiene - 'Catch It, Bin It, Kill It'.
- High touch areas and toilet facilities cleaned in the middle of the day.
- Maximise ventilation in classrooms and all indoor areas.
- Utilise outdoor spaces for learning where possible.
- Students using school buses or transport **must** wear a face covering unless exempt.

CONTINGENCY PLAN All schools have a Contingency or Outbreak Management Plan of how we will operate if any extra measures were recommended for us following consultation with Public Health Authorities. This can only be triggered when the following thresholds are reached:

- 5 children, students or staff, who are likely to have mixed closely, test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period; or
- 10% of children, students or staff who are likely to have mixed closely test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period.

Mixed close contact/groups could be class, sports team, wrap around care, performance groups, Year Groups or a group that uses the same dedicated school transport.

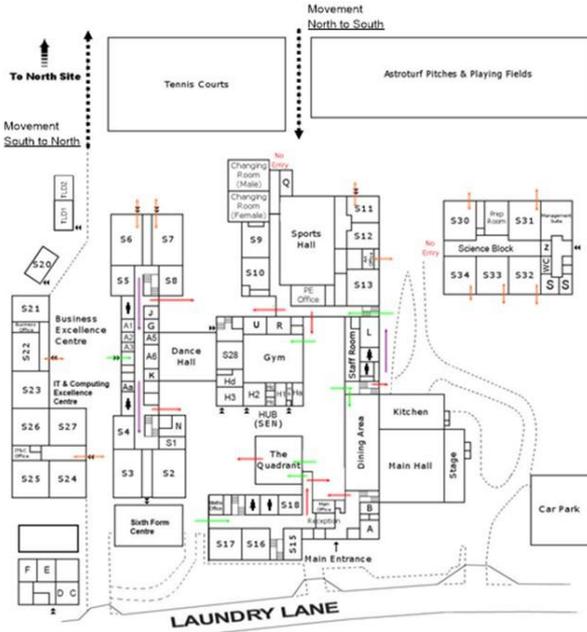
Action will be taken in consultation with the Norfolk Outbreak Management Centre (NOMC) and Government advice can be accessed [here](#).



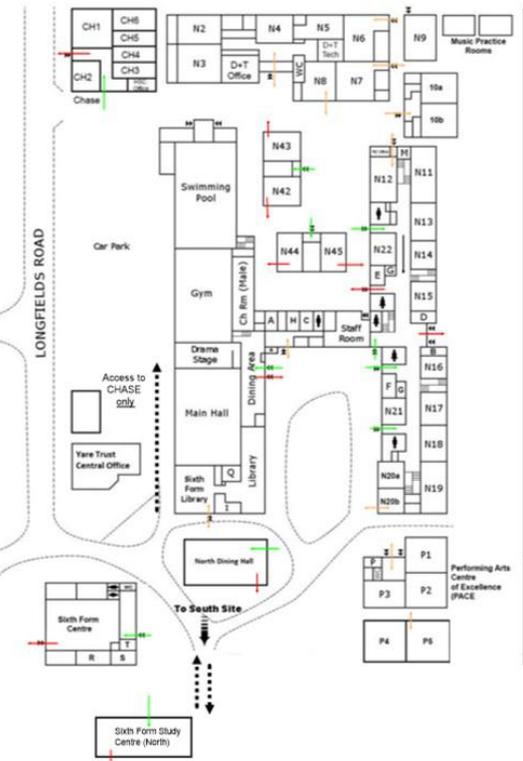
ARE you showing you ARE?
 Aspirational by being neat and presentable
 Respectful by following instructions
 Engaged by being focused on your work



One-Way System



Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form
SOUTH SITE



Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form
NORTH SITE

THE SCHOOL DAY

Timings of the School Day - 2021 - 2022	
08:20	Warning Bell
08:25	Form Time/PD Time
08:47	Transition 1
08:55	Lesson 1
09:55	Transition 2
10:02	Lesson 2
11:02	Break—Food available for all
11:15	Warning Bell
11:20	Lesson 3
12:20	Transition 3
12:27	Lesson 4
13:27	Lunch Food available for all
13:58	Warning Bell
14:05	Lesson 5
15:05	End of School

Students will be outside during transition and can eat and drink at these times. We acknowledge the later lunchtime and have increased the breaktime to enable students to eat and drink during both breaks. This is to accommodate and support our Year Schools and hygiene procedures on arrival to help keep everybody healthy and safe.

