

December 2021

Parental Update

Dear Parent(s) / Carer(s)

I hope you are all well and you and your children are looking forward to a restful Christmas. I know staff and students alike are certainly ready for a break and a period without an early alarm clock. Although we are saying goodbye for the autumn term we are already planning for our return, despite the need to commence with a staggered start to implement the government testing requirements prior to school starting full time without disruption.

We appreciate students may be a little unsettled as they arrive at the academy for restart and supervised testing with what will be a busy and staggered return. I would however like to reassure you that our previous experienced testing team are in place and we should have a very smooth transition. It should literally take a couple of minutes per person once the first registration has taken place, the process this time will involve a nasal swab only due to using the Orient gene lateral flow test which produces results in 15 minutes.

To ensure learning is not missed, students will be expected to attend on line Zoom lessons as per their usual timetable when not being tested (please see table below).

Testing is the most effective way to reduce the risk of transmission and support the continuation of face-to-face education. We recognise, however, the need to minimise any disruption to education and to continue to support your child's mental wellbeing. The government will continue to review the future need for testing in light of any changes to the public health situation. However we are being asked to complete one supervised test for each student when they return in January 2022 and to continue with their twice weekly home testing.

Testing twice weekly is helping us stay ahead of the virus by spotting new outbreaks quickly and plan our response. The preparations that schools and colleges are advised to take are subject to further Public Health advice and the latest position on prevalence of the COVID-19 virus.

Consent is required for us to be able to complete testing on site and therefore if you have not previously consented to testing can I ask that you complete the consent form via the link below. Ensuring accurate data on the consent form will also ensure smooth registration for your child on arrival as they will need this information to register and report the test results. Your child will need their mobile phone to register on the day (although we will have a couple of iPads available for emergency use).

If any of your details have changed since first consent please could you complete a new consent form via [Google Forms](#).

If there is a reason that you need to withdraw your child from testing, where you have previously consented, please can you email: CovidWithdrawConsent@nunthorpe.co.uk please provide your child's name, tutor group and reason otherwise we will assume we have consent

Twice weekly home testing results must be reported to the academy, even if your result is negative or void. You should also keep a note of and share your results with the academy via the website.

Reporting results is easy. Go to [report a COVID-19 lateral flow test result](#) or call 119 free from a mobile or landline. Lines are open every day, 7:00am to 11:00pm. Support is offered in 200 languages as well as British Sign Language.

Schedule of testing and start dates for January 2022

Nunthorpe Academy Mass Testing Schedule

Year Group Information

Year 7	
Tuesday	Zoom lessons all day
Wednesday	Zoom p1+2, testing P3+4a Zoom p4c p5
Year 8	
Tuesday	Zoom lessons all day
Wednesday	Zoom lessons p1, 2+3, testing p4+5
Year 9	
Tuesday	Zoom lessons all day
Wednesday	Testing p1+2, Zoom 3, 4+5
Year 10	
Tuesday	Zoom lessons p1, 2+3, testing 4+5
Wednesday	In academy – lessons as normal
Year 11	
Tuesday	Testing p1+2, Zoom 3,4+5
Wednesday	In academy – lessons as normal
Year 12	
Tuesday	Zoom/independent study p1 & 2 Testing p3 Zoom/independent study p4+5
Wednesday	In academy – lessons as normal
Year 13	
Tuesday	Zoom/independent study p1+2 Testing p3 Zoom/independent study p4+5
Wednesday	In academy – lessons as normal

Period 1	9:10am – 10:10am
Period 2	10:10am – 11:10am
Period 3	11:30am – 12:30pm
Period 4a (lunch time for Year 8, 10 & 12)	12:30pm – 1:00pm
Period 4b (lunch time for Year 7)	1:00pm – 1:30pm
Period 4c (lunch time for Year 9, 11 & 13)	1:30pm – 2:00pm
Period 5	2:00pm – 3:00pm

ALL STUDENTS BACK IN THE ACADEMY AND NORMAL LESSONS TO RESUME ON THURSDAY 6 JANUARY 2022

It is essential that the following programme is followed to ensure that all students who enter the academy site on their allocated start date are negative. Therefore all students will attend the academy at their allocated slot (see below) return home to receive the result via text from the NHS and then attend their allocated start date if negative.

Students should only turn up at their allocated slot and report to the turnstile gate next to main reception. Students are not expected to arrive in academy uniform. Students will be required to register for their test and will be guided through this process by trained staff. Once students have been registered they will be tested and then return home to await the outcome of their test result. Any student with a positive test will be required to complete a PCR test which must be completed within 48 hours of their lateral flow test and self-isolate. Please follow direction from the NHS.

Many thanks for all of your support to date. Wishing you all the best for a restful and Covid free Christmas.

Take Care.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kate Kell', with a circular flourish at the end.

Kate Kell
Head of School

Self-Isolation – Student and Parent Guide to Accessing Academy Learning

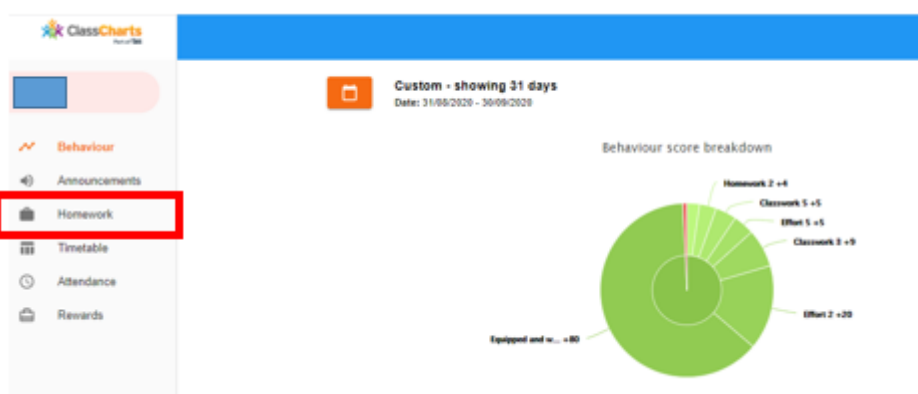
If in the event that you are identified as needing to self-isolate the following is a guide to explain how to access the required learning from the academy.

The way in which you will be set work will depend on the circumstances surrounding the self-isolation. In the event of individual students needing to self-isolate, work will be set using Class Charts. If it is whole classes or whole year group bubbles, students will be offered live Zoom lessons in line with the normal timetable.

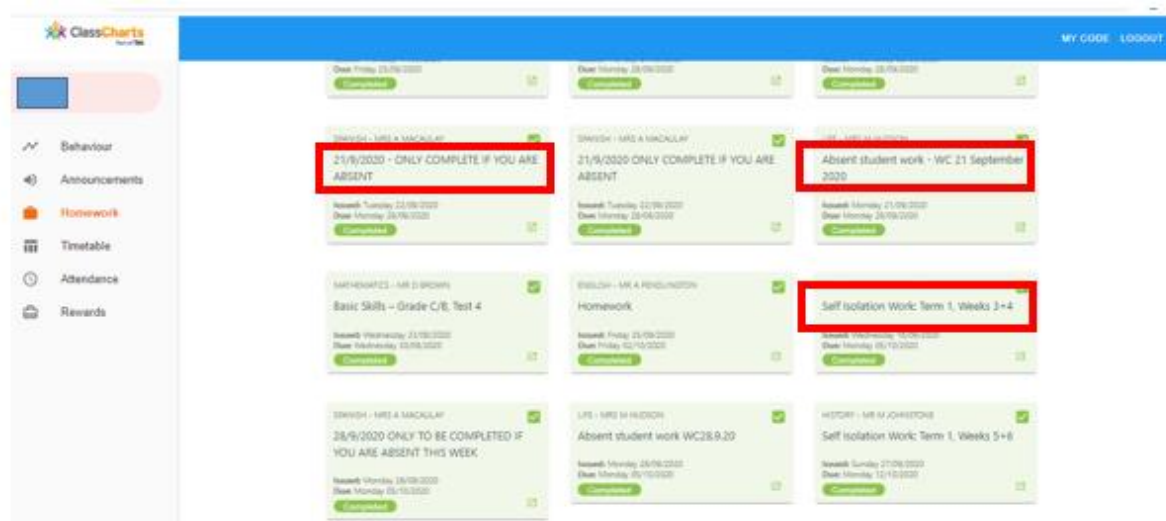
The following steps will help you to find work:

Learning accessed through Class Charts homework section

View your Class Charts homework section



Look for homework that have the following headings:



These homework tasks will indicate what you need to do while you are in self-isolation. Where ever possible you should work on paper and keep all your work clearly labelled and dated so that on your return it can be added to your book.

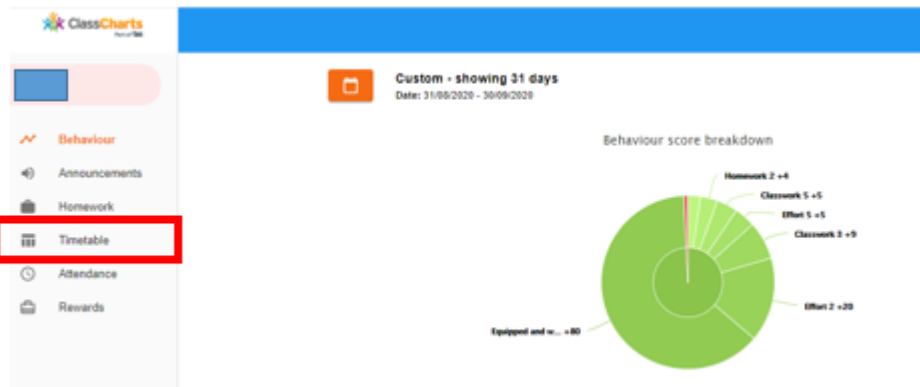
These tasks will often give you a series of 'lessons' for each subject that you will need to complete for each day that you are off. Try to follow your timetable as closely as possible – your timetable can be viewed by selecting the timetable tab on Class Charts.

If you are having difficulty understanding the task then contact the specific teacher by email or you can contact your pastoral manager who may be able to help.

Learning accessed through a Zoom lesson

If your whole class or year group has been identified as needing to self-isolate then in addition to the learning being set in the homework section of Class Charts you may also receive face-to-face contact with your teacher via a 'Zoom lesson'.

To access these zoom lessons you will need to look in the timetable section of Class Charts:



Then select the appropriate date at the top of the page and then look at the particular period for that day. If you notice that there is an invite to a 'Zoom lesson' you will be able to click on the hyper-link at the appropriate time and that will open Zoom and admit you to the waiting room of the 'Zoom lesson'

Expectations regarding Zoom lessons

You **MUST** login into Zoom with your correct first name and surname. **Anybody trying to join a Zoom lesson with an incorrect name will not be admitted.**

You must have the camera on.

You should have the microphone muted unless asked to talk by the teacher.

You need to be dressed appropriately.

You need to be sat in an appropriate space which will support you in being focussed. You should avoid sitting in front of a window. A plain wall behind you is best.

You need to have a pen and paper available and any other resources your teacher has requested.

While partaking in a Zoom lesson there is the same behaviour expectations as there would be in a lesson.

IF STUDENTS DO NOT FOLLOW THE ABOVE, THEY RISK NOT BEING ADMITTED INTO A ZOOM LESSON

ALL ZOOM LESSONS ARE RECORDED BY THE TEACHER FOR SAFEGUARDING PURPOSES