**Schools reopening toolkit March 2021**

**Overview**

This toolkit provides resources to promote safe practices for pupils going back to primary and secondary school in Tameside in March. It aims to encourage parents, carers and children to follow the guidance for a safe return to school and provide reassurance and confidence that safety measures are in place and support available.

A toolkit from TfGM that contains back to school journey messaging, including cycling and walking messages, and will support this toolkit, has already been scheduled and distributed to schools.

The council has scheduled animations supplied by Public Health England that highlight the benefits of children returning to face-to-face lessons. There are different animations targeted at primary school and secondary school audiences and these may also be useful to schools to use on their own social media channels. They are available to download [here](https://coronavirusresources.phe.gov.uk/back-to-school/resources/social-animations/).

There are also some step-by-step videos on how to complete a Covid test on YouTube [here](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvaBZskxS7tzQYlVg7lwH5uxAD9UrSzGJ) which may be useful to share with parents or link to on school websites.

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| **Subject** | **Message** | **Relevant image** |
| Early Years reassurance  | Tameside’s schools have measures in place to safely welcome back all pupils from 8 March If your child is anxious about going back to school, here are some things you can do to provide them with reassurance#Backtoschool | Helping children back to school poster |
| Health message | Our schools are welcoming back pupils safely as they fully reopen Please check your school’s website for details of their arrangements & contact your GP if concerned it may cause a risk to an existing health problemRead more here: <https://bit.ly/3boUyT7> #Backtoschool | CCG chairs twitterstrap |
| Face covering | Please ensure your child takes their face covering when attending secondary school in TamesideStudents are required to wear face coverings in classrooms as well as communal areas where social distancing cannot be maintained<https://bit.ly/3boUyT7> #Backtoschool | Face covering graphics |
| Isolate | Our schools are welcoming back pupils safely as they fully reopen Please self-isolate if you develop coronavirus symptoms (a new continuous cough, fever, loss/change of smell or taste) & book a test at [gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)<https://bit.ly/3boUyT7> #Backtoschool | Dr Jeanelle de Gruchy twitterstap |
| Social distance | Our schools have safety measures to help stop the spread of CovidParents are urged to do their bit by ensuring children don’t mingle outside of school – definitely NO sleepovers – & avoid gathering at school gatesRemember: Hands, Face, Space<https://bit.ly/3boUyT7> #Backtoschool | Cllr Leanne Feeley twitterstrap |
| Testing | Households & bubbles of pupils at primary & secondary schools can get twice weekly lateral flow tests. Let’s get back to school safely. Find out more at [gov.uk/backtoschool](http://www.gov.uk/backtoschool)  | [PHE videos](https://coronavirusresources.phe.gov.uk/back-to-school/resources/social-animations/) |
| Testing | Got kids going #BackToSchool on Monday?  Find out about regular rapid testing for parents, support and childcare bubbles.  [**gov.uk/coronavirus**](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fgov.uk%2Fcoronavirus&data=04%7C01%7CWilliam.Juba%40phe.gov.uk%7Ce6e8fd14d3ef44ea5d2608d8e010f627%7Cee4e14994a354b2ead475f3cf9de8666%7C0%7C0%7C637505710739723070%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=1Ycrf7wittoahFGRPXNPdJb9MDACkrwUjNXs3sAzGHo%3D&reserved=0)**.** | School test parents animation |
| Testing | Households, support + childcare bubbles, of children at nursery, primary and secondary schools and colleges, can now get regular rapid #COVID19 testing.  [**gov.uk/coronavirus**](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fgov.uk%2Fcoronavirus&data=04%7C01%7CWilliam.Juba%40phe.gov.uk%7Ce6e8fd14d3ef44ea5d2608d8e010f627%7Cee4e14994a354b2ead475f3cf9de8666%7C0%7C0%7C637505710739728041%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=W3N5IIcaoz1Ur8FmJX7OJF8ITrd9bHxVgimym6jSpmQ%3D&reserved=0) | School test parents animation |
| Keep Schools open | Our schools have fully reopened – please help ensure they stay open & children can attend without further disruptionStick to your household indoors & you can meet one other person outdoors for exercise & recreationRemember: Hands, Face, Space<https://bit.ly/3boUyT7> #BacktoSchool | ‘Primary’, ‘Secondary’, ‘College’ twitterstraps |
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