



# SIR THOMAS FREMANTLE SCHOOL

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Dear parents and carers,

## Re: Headteacher's End of Term Update

It feels like we have just got going and yet we have the Easter break almost upon us. It has been such a strange half term, yet so familiar in other ways. Having the children back and seeing them go about their learning is so pleasing. The young people at STFS continue to leave a huge impression and they should be so proud of how they have managed these difficult times. They are quickly returning to school life, and it feels like they have never been away. Well done to all.

The Education Secretary, Gavin Williamson has written to all students. To see this letter please click the following link:

[A letter to young people from Gavin Williamson MP, Secretary of State for Education - Education in the media \(blog.gov.uk\)](#)

Your child will be receiving further home testing kits this week, so they can continue to test over the Easter break. Sunday and Wednesday seems to be the most sensible days to test. I would be most grateful if every student completes a test on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April, prior to returning to school on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April. The Government have asked that we pass the following information on to our families:

- **test twice a week at home from now on (all those who are able to)**
- **report results [online](#) as positive, negative or void. This information is critical in helping us to understand the prevalence of the virus across the country**
- **continue to test twice weekly over the Easter holidays**
- **test before returning to school or college for the summer term, either the night before, or morning of, the first day back, to find and isolate any positive cases**
- **Families and households can also access by clicking [home test kits for adults](#).**

I would like to welcome Year 6 students who will be joining us in September 2021. Once again, we are delighted to be over subscribed for places in Year 7. Our transition team will be in touch shortly after the Easter Break with more information and to share our plans about transition days, tours and a smooth start in September. It is great to have you all on board and we are excited to meet you in person as soon as we can.



You will remember that we have been raising money for our Wellbeing Room. We have been completely humbled by the level of support and donations we have received for this project. As a result of our fantastic community, the installation of the Wellbeing Room will commence on the 17<sup>th</sup> May. We will be writing again after Easter to share our thanks with all that have contributed to the project and its development.

I am also delighted to announce that we finally have access to a sports field again. Buckinghamshire Council have agreed to allow students at STFS to use the pitches at the old Winslow Centre site. It has taken some time to get to this point; we are thrilled for the students and the difference this space will make to their physical and mental health.

Please make sure you keep active and embrace everything you can over the break. Most importantly, look after yourselves and each other.

Yours faithfully,

Neale Pledger  
**Headteacher**

