

Principal: Emma Robins



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Dear Y6 parent / carer,

It is hard to believe we are at the end of the school year and you must be finding it hard to believe that your children are leaving their primary schools for the last time. I hope that they have enjoyed their final weeks as Y6 and are ready to join us as our new Y7 students in September. We are very much looking forward to welcoming them to Graham School in September. As we approach the end of term, I thought it would be useful to share some key information with you.

As you may have heard, we have been asked by the Department for Education to offer covid testing for all students at the start of the new term in September. This is something we did earlier this year and we have all the systems in place for testing. The testing will help us to ensure that the virus is not being spread in school and will help us all to start the new school year with confidence.

This testing will be using a nasal swab only which your child will administer themselves. We have staff in school who are experienced in the administration of testing and will help all children during this process. Following the testing in school, we will issue all children with testing kits so that twice weekly home testing can be undertaken until the end of September. The Department for Education will then update us on any new testing arrangements. We will keep you updated of any changes throughout the term.

We would recommend that your child takes part in the testing at the start of the new term. However, it is voluntary and we will only offer your child a test if we have your consent. If you would like your child to be included in testing please complete the form here. <https://forms.gle/6PFvw7hsS8Lywyb39>

The start of the new term will be slightly staggered to allow us to undertake the testing. Y7 students will be offered their first test on Monday 6 September, which is a Teacher Training day. They should come to school for their test and then go home, they can expect to be at school for approximately 30 minutes. They can come at any time between 11.30am and 3.00pm. The testing will take place in the Table Tennis Centre next to the main car park. You are welcome to come with your child and wait for them in the car park whilst they take their test. There is no need to wear school uniform on that day! Their second test will be on Thursday 9 September during the school day.

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All Y7 students will start school on Tuesday 7 September. When they arrive at the main entrance they will be directed by staff to their pastoral base. Information for the start of term is in the table below:

	<b>Test 1</b>	<b>Return to school</b>	<b>Test 2</b>
<b>Y7</b>	Monday 6 September 11.30 -15.00	8.40am Tuesday 7 September	Thursday 9 September

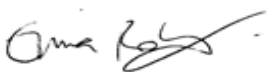
From Tuesday 7 September your child should attend school in full school uniform. As you know, this can be purchased from 'Rumours' in Scarborough. All uniform requirements are listed in your transition booklet and on the school website: [Uniform – Graham School, Scarborough | Part of the Hope Learning Trust](#)

I am delighted that so many of your children are joining our Summer School next week. I know that this will be a great experience for them. I am sure they will all have great fun, make new friends and learn lots of new things! If you are looking for other things to do with your children during the holidays there are some good ideas here: [Education catch-up – Find out more about what is on offer to help your academic catch-up and physical, social and mental wellbeing](#)

Parentpay information and account details will be sent to families around mid-August. More information can be found in the transition booklet.

I would, finally, like to wish you all a restful break. I hope you can spend some quality time with friends and family and I look forward to working with you and your children in September.

Yours Faithfully,



Emma Robins  
Principal