

MSTF Student Approval Form

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- Researcher - Put it into an envelope labelled approval forms at the **front** of your logbook

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2. I will wear suitable eye protection - safety glasses
3. I will wear a disposable face mask and gloves
4. I will work outside in a well-ventilated area and dampen down the potting mix/compost bags to prevent the bacteria becoming airborne.

Note: any photos taken involving people must show safety gear being worn.

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