

# Wellfield High School

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Dear Parents,

## Parent Updates and Reminders

It has been absolutely fantastic to welcome students back into school this week! The way in which they have returned to the school routine with such positive attitudes has been excellent and we are incredibly proud of their response this week. Thank you to all parents for your support with regards to the testing process and ensuring the return to school has been such a success.

### Testing

Details about the testing process in school throughout this week and early next week have already been shared with all parents and more details will be provided early next week about the process of home testing. However, I would like to express our thanks to all of our volunteers who have supported the process so far, as well as Mrs Barton (Resource Officer) and Miss Morley (Admin Assistant) for their hard work over recent weeks to ensure the process has been such a success. Following the first day of testing, we received some very positive messages about our students:

"All the students involved in the testing process were very polite and engaged in the process. I wouldn't expect anything less but they were a credit to Wellfield!"

"I want to express that the children were so well mannered and I thought this was amazing considering how worried and anxious some people were about the test."

### Attendance

Our whole school attendance continues to be a focus for us to develop and improve. Whilst we totally understand that instances of absence are completely unavoidable at times, we are working hard to raise levels of attendance in all year groups. That being said, we have been impressed by the attendance of students so far this week and this must be maintained over the coming weeks. Year 8 and 11, in particular, deserve a special mention after two days of 100% attendance at such a crucial time in their time at school.

<b>Whole School Target</b>	98%
<b>Whole School Attendance</b> (so far this academic year)	92.9%
Attendance figures for this week (08.03.2021- 12.03.2021)	
<b>Whole School</b>	96.1%
<b>Year 7</b>	94.4%
<b>Year 8</b>	99.6%
<b>Year 9</b>	94.5%
<b>Year 10</b>	93.6%
<b>Year 11</b>	99.6%

## **Chair of Governors**

In March 2018 Carol Gaynor joined our governing body and her vast experience and understanding from her career in school business management provided us with much needed skills and expertise. Not long after, Carol became our Chair of Governors and has invested a significant amount of time in supporting the school and ensuring that we provide the best provision for our students. Acting as a school governor (a voluntary role), Carol has overseen improvements over the years and provided a perfect balance of support and challenge to the Senior Leadership Team. Sadly, Carol made the decision to resign from the governing body in January to ensure she could spend more time with her family, something which I am sure we would all agree is more important now than ever before.

I would like to express my sincere thanks on a personal level to Carol for the support she has given to me in my roles over recent years and, on behalf of all of our students, staff and parents, thank her for the incredible dedication shown to our school.

Following our Full Governing Body meeting earlier this week, we are pleased to say that Helen Dicker will now become our Interim Chair of Governors. Helen, who is the Chair of Trustees for Endeavour Learning Trust, also brings a wealth of experience and knowledge that will help to see our school progress. Helen already has knowledge of Wellfield and this will help to guide us through our application to become an academy and the conversion process.

## **Mental health and wellbeing**

We are incredibly mindful of the ongoing challenges our students may face on a daily basis with regards to their mental health and wellbeing. Along with the PSHCE day before half term, we have continued to support all students with the transition back to school and with the difficulties some of them are facing. The link below provides some steps that can be taken to support our mental wellbeing, help us feel better, sleep better and have better relationships with the people around us. Please take time to have a look and encourage your son/ daughter to do so, too.

<https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/youth-mental-health>

As always, please do contact us through the school email ( [enquiries@whs.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@whs.lancs.sch.uk)) should you have any questions or if we can help in any way.

Thank you for your on-going support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Lewis

Head of School