

# Wellfield High School

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26<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents,

## Parent Updates and Reminders

We hope you, your families and friends are well. As we come to the end of this spring term, we would like to give you an update about the end of term, expectations in and around school and the arrangements for the start of the summer term.

### Staffing Updates

We were delighted to receive an update from Miss O'Neill last Friday who informed us that she had welcomed a beautiful baby boy, Max, into the family. Both mum and son are doing brilliantly and loving family life!

We also wish Miss Scott well as she begins her maternity leave after the Easter holiday. As Miss Scott is also one of our House Progress Leaders (HPLs), we have appointed Miss Bellemeay as HPL for Campbell house and also, whilst we continue to operate bubbles due to the pandemic, Year 7 and 8.

One colleague who is leaving us at Easter is Mr Dunne, the Endeavour Learning Trust Executive Secondary Lead. Mr Dunne, who started his work with the Trust in January 2020, has provided fantastic support to the Executive team, led by Mrs Gwinnett, as well as to me when I started in the Head of School role, particularly when responding to the pandemic over the past 12 months. Mr Dunne has worked with us on a part time role whilst balancing this with his strong commitment to various charities, including the River Reeves Foundation, which he will be focussing his full efforts on moving forward. I am sure you will all join us in wishing Mr Dunne well for the future.

### Attendance

Whilst we appreciate it has been a long term for students, the attendance figures have once again been disappointing this week. It is important students get a good rest over the Easter holiday and come back re-energised and ready for an exciting summer term.

Whole School Target	98%		
Whole School Attendance (so far this academic year)			
Attendance figures	08.03.2021- 12.03.2021	15.03.2021- 19.03.2021	22.03.2021-26.03.2021
Whole School	96.1%	92.6%	90.7
Year 7	94.4%	93.3%	93.8
Year 8	99.6%	98.7%	89.9
Year 9	94.5%	94%	96.5
Year 10	93.6%	87.5%	84.5
Year 11	99.6%	90.6%	89.5

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## Rewards and Awards

The term has finished today will acknowledging and rewarding the hard work of our students and, despite not being able to deliver our traditional end of term whole school assembly in the sports hall, each tutor group carried out their own rewards sessions. The normal end of term nominations were completed by the teaching staff to recognise the engagement and learning of students right across the year groups and range of subjects. Well done to all students who received an award today!

## Lateral Flow Testing Programme Update- Easter Holiday

Thank you for your continued support with regards to testing at home over the previous weeks. Many of you will be aware that the tests have identified positive cases in both our Year 10 and Year 11 cohort and, despite the obvious disruption this causes, the main aim continues to be to identify asymptomatic cases and reduce the transmission of the virus.

The government has requested that students and staff in secondary schools who have consented to complete LFD tests continue to test over the holiday period in order to detect asymptomatic cases. On Sunday and Wednesday evening, to keep the established routine, everyone in our school community will be expected to test and then report the results to the NHS and school portal. This programme is important for minimising wider community transmission rates which may have an impact in school, especially as we return.

Your child has received additional test kits to bring home which will allow them to test during and after the break.

Positive tests following the LFD test in the holiday should be reported to the [NHS - Report a LFT result](#) and [Wellfield Home Testing form](#) and should be followed up by a PCR test at a local centre which can be booked online or by calling 119. If the PCR test is positive, please email [enquiries@whs.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@whs.lancs.sch.uk) to let us know to keep us informed.

## Reporting Symptomatic Cases of Covid-19

We cannot stress enough and again, students should **not** be in school if they, or any of the people they live with have symptoms, until tests have been taken and results have come back and confirmed a negative test.

If a student tests positive for Covid-19 who initially **showed symptoms** on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March or before 12.30pm on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March, parents should contact the school directly with all the appropriate information using [enquiries@whs.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@whs.lancs.sch.uk) Following this contact, members of staff will complete the track and trace process and this may involve letting you know that your child is a close contact. This will be through a combination of email, letter and phone call correspondence. It goes without saying that we know that you will be respectful and polite with the member of staff who has to make the unfortunate phone call.

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If your son or daughter displays symptoms of Covid-19 after 12.30pm on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March, it is important that you follow Public Health England guidelines. This means that you should arrange for testing for your child via [www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested) or 111.nhs.uk or primary care. All subsequent track and trace procedures in the case of a positive test will be undertaken by Public Health England. Your child (and household members) should then remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared as advised in [www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance). Whilst in this instance we do not need to take any action and contact trace, please email school so we are aware of your child's condition for when we return to school.

## Uniform and Equipment

From Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April, we will expect all students to return in full uniform. Whilst we appreciate students may have outgrown uniform, we would like to ensure our standards are maintained. It is important that shoes are in line with our policy, 'sturdy school shoes'. This means that for all students in Year 7 to 11, trainers and 'flimsy' ballet/jelly pumps styles will need to be changed to meet the school's policy. We must stress that with one term to go, we do not expect anyone to spend extraordinary amounts of money on expensive branded school shoes. We know that shops are not likely to open until 12<sup>th</sup> April but supermarkets have a good stock of sturdy school shoes. If you have any doubt about the suitability of a pair of shoes, please email school with a picture and we will confirm that they meet the school's policy. For your information, here is a link to the school's 'Uniform and [Our Policies & Procedures | Wellfield High School \(whs.lancs.sch.uk\)](http://www.whs.lancs.sch.uk/Our-Policies-&-Procedures)

If finances are an issue with regards to replacement items (uniform or equipment), then please do not hesitate to contact us so that we can support you with this. If your son/daughter has any items of uniform that are still in good condition but they have outgrown, then we will happily accept donations in school which we will pass onto students who need them in school.

In preparation for the start of the Summer Term, could you please take the opportunity to make sure that your son or daughter is well equipped for the start of the new term. This includes a whiteboard and pen.

Over the past couple of weeks, we have seen an increase in the number of students who are not meeting our expectations with regards to the uniform and appearance policy. This has included students wearing jewellery, false tan, make up and extreme hair styles. We would ask all parents that, upon the return to school on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April, check your son/daughter meets the strict policies and standards we set as these will be monitored and sanctioned, where appropriate, in the summer term.

## End of Term

This term, altogether, we have managed an Ofsted visit, a remote programme of learning, the implementation of a return to school lateral flow testing programme, the reintegration of all students into school and a full home testing programme. That is even before we begin to think about our most important role of engaging students in learning and wider curriculum studies. I have never before seen a team of staff so keen and eager to welcome students back to their classrooms and that is what makes Wellfield such a

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special place. It has been great to be back as the Wellfield family. Not only this, we had a group of volunteers, all affiliated to the school who supported the testing programme starting three weeks ago and completing it last week. Without them, we could not have completed the LFD testing in the way it was planned and the return to school would have been phased over a much longer period. We are blessed and always grateful for the excellent support that we have in our community.

School reopens on Monday 12th April at 8.40am for all students. The existing protocols for entry onto site will be in place and students should be prepared in their full school uniform, with all of their equipment in a bag and with a suitable face covering.

Finally, we would like to thank you for your patience and kindness in what has been another testing term for everyone in the whole community, right across our district and the UK. Your messages of support for what we have been doing have been both humbling and uplifting.

Take care and best wishes. We hope you enjoy a well-deserved rest and break.

Yours sincerely,

*Mr J Lewis*

Head of School