



Wellfield Academy

Headteacher Mr J Lewis

30th November 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Parental Updates & Reminders

With the Christmas holiday approaching, we write to you to provide some updates for the final few weeks of term.

Parental Communication

We have had two extremely positive evenings this half term whilst talking to parents of Year 8 students at the face to face Tutor Evening and also Year 11 parents online last week ahead of the start of their practice exams. We always enjoy and encourage dialogue with parents and encourage contact to be made via email (enquiries@wellfieldacademy.org). We endeavour to respond to queries within 24-48 hours. We would also like to prompt all parents to regularly use ClassCharts app which is a great way to track when your child receives homework, positive achievement points and/or behaviour points. Please contact us if you need log in details providing again.

Staffing

Miss Butler has decided to move out of the education sector and will be leaving her role today. Miss Butler has had a big impact upon students within her the role as Pastoral & Behaviour Manager (PBM) and, more recently, within the Attendance Officer role. I would like to thank Miss Butler for all of her hard work throughout her time with us and wish her well for the future. Miss Butler has already been working alongside Miss Merone over the past week and a half with handing over her role. Miss Merone is an experienced Attendance Officer who has moved from one of the schools within our Trust and we are confident she will have a significant impact in her role.

Attendance

Miss Merone will continue to build on our attendance strategy across the school. All parents/guardians should have received a letter earlier in the half term outlining your child's attendance so far this year and we continue to appreciate parental support in ensuring your child attends school each day.

Attendance during one school year	Equivalent Days absent	Equivalent Sessions	Equivalent Weeks (roughly)	Equivalent Hours Missed
95%	9 Days	18 Sessions	2 Weeks	54 Hours
90%	19 Days	38 Sessions	4 Weeks	114 Hours
85%	29 Days	58 Sessions	6 Weeks	174 Hours
80%	38 Days	72 Sessions	8 Weeks	228 Hours
75%	48 Days	96 Sessions	10 Weeks	288 Hours
70%	57 Days	114 Sessions	11.5 Weeks	342 Hours



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School Rebuilding Programme

After being confirmed as one of the 161 schools nationally to be involved in the School Rebuilding Programme, there is a lot of work ongoing in the background. This means we are currently within the feasibility stage of the project which involves a number of surveys and audits that have been completed to develop an in-depth understanding of the condition of our existing buildings.

Once the feasibility stage is completed, hopefully early in 2023, we should receive confirmation as to the scale of the project. Essentially, we should know whether the project will be a whole school replacement or block(s) to be replaced. We are really excited about the programme and look forward to writing to you in the new year once we have more information to share.

School Transport

We are aware of some issues recently with the 109 Chorley/Preston public bus which services the Euxton and Buckshaw Village areas. We are doing everything we can do from our school's perspective, including writing to the local councillor Aidy Riggott, who responded with a very supportive email which included an escalation of our/your concerns to the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills County Councillor Jayne Rear.

In the short term, we advise students use the 119 Chorley to Preston public bus which operates at multiple stops around Buckshaw Village and Euxton Lane alternatively there are Trains from Buckshaw Parkway to Leyland.

We do have a small number of spaces on our school minibus transport which, you may recall, we could not expand further over the summer. Within the summer letter, I informed that we simply have too much demand for the number of spaces available and would not wish to disappoint/frustrate parents. If there are genuine safeguarding concerns regarding your child and/or they have additional needs, please contact us to consider whether a space can be given in the short term for these spaces. Again, if demand outweighs availability, we may have to direct you once again to the public transport. Hopefully you feel reassured that we are also trying to escalate our concerns where they matter.

Christmas Activities

The final three weeks of term will continue to see teachers delivering their full curriculum although there will be lots of Christmas activities mixed in. On Saturday, our PTFA have organised an amazing Christmas Fair in the sports hall. All students, families and members of the local community are more than welcome to attend from 11am onwards.

Following the fair, we look forward to the Mission Chrimpossible performances on Tuesday and Wednesday evening next week. So much hard work has been put into it so far and I am sure you will not be disappointed if you do come along!

Finally, we will enjoy Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas lunch on Thursday 15th December before we wrap up the term on Friday 16th (12.30pm) following a whole school assembly. More information will be provided over the next week or so about the final two days.



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Rock FM- Cash for Kids

We have supported Rock FM's Cash for Kids Mission Christmas for a number of years and we are continuing to collect donations of new toys for. If you are in a position where you are doing your Christmas shopping and can afford to purchase an extra gift to donate, please do so. Any donation needs to be unopened and unwrapped so that the Mission Christmas team can organise them into the appropriate age groups to ensure children across our area do not wake up on Christmas Day without a gift to open.

Donations are being collected by the school office.

Upcoming Dates

Finally, some key dates for the final few weeks of the term:

- **Saturday 3rd December** Christmas Fair (11am-3pm)
- **W/c 5th December** Year 11 Practice Exams
- **Tues 6th & Wed 6th December** Christmas performance (from 6pm)
- **Thursday 15th December** Christmas jumper day/ Christmas lunch
- **Friday 16th December** End of term (12.30pm finish for students)

Thank you for all of your support so far this term and messages of support. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us on enquiries@wellfieldacademy.org with any questions you may have or if we can support in any way.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Lewis

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