



**Wellfield Academy**

Executive Headteacher Mrs L Gwinnett  
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17<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Dear Parents /Carers,

As you may be aware the Football World Cup in Qatar is due to start on Sunday 20th November. England play their first game on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November against Iran at 1.00pm. The Football World Cup only occurs once every four years and, as the national sport and an important part of British culture, we recognise that a large proportion of students will want to watch the game. Therefore, we will be providing students with the choice of watching the game whilst also supporting those students in their learning that would prefer to not to do so.

We appreciate that the World Cup being held in Qatar is a controversial issue, owing to well documented human rights abuses. We will be educating students about the many issues reported in Qatar and about the value of living in a tolerant and open society. Students will then be able to make their own decision of whether they wish to watch the World Cup or not.

To accommodate the kick off time of 1.00pm, students will be able to watch the beginning of the match in their period 4 lessons. **Lunchtime provision will remain in place as usual over lunchtime (1.25-2pm)**. For students who wish to watch it, the rest of the first half will be displayed on the projector in the sports hall. The second half, due to kick off shortly after 2pm, will be shown in period 5 lessons. Those students who do not wish to watch the match should come to school equipped with their **Chromebook and headphones**. Their teachers will provide them with subject-based extra-curricular enrichment activities on their Chromebook. Year 11 students who do not wish to watch the match should come equipped with revision resources as they will be provided with a quiet study room during period 5.

Please note the following expectations:

- All students are expected to attend on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November as they usually would. Students will not be allowed to go home at lunchtime.
- Students are expected to wear their full school uniform all day, including during the match.
- Students are expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner whilst watching the match, our behaviour policy will still apply.

If the game finishes before 3pm we will keep the students with us until the normal end of day time and dismiss as usual.

Yours faithfully,

Mr J Lewis  
**Headteacher**