



13th November 2020

Dear Parent,

Updates and Reminders - Including a Home Learning FAQ Information Sheet

As we come to the end of the first national lockdown week, the school continues to remain fully focused on safety processes and protocols for all staff and students; the worries and concerns there are across the school community about the current pandemic and; the continued focus on high quality teaching and learning, progress and engagement within lessons.

We have collated every parental response across the Trust following the Covid Management Update letter that was sent out to you last week. The vast majority were related to how the school would continue to support high quality home learning for those students in Year 8, 9 and 10 whilst they were not in school and those students who might have to isolate for COVID-19 related reason. Our **Frequently Asked Questions** (FAQ) information sheet has been attached and can also be viewed on the school's website [here www.whs.lancs.sch.uk](http://www.whs.lancs.sch.uk)

We hope this is useful for you, covering as it does answers to the following questions:

- *What are the 'top tips' for home learning?*
- *Will there be enough work set?*
- *What core elements of every lesson should my child expect to see?*
- *How will you ensure the appropriate quality and level of challenge in the work set remotely?*
- *How will students get feedback?*
- *How will students be able to ask for help?*
- *How will students be able to access the online work?*
- *How will teachers monitor engagement?*
- *Why no live lessons?*
- *Why are Years 8 -10 on the rota and not 7 and 11?*
- *Who will be checking in on my son/daughter in person while they are at home?*
- *Which students should be working in school when their year group is on the rota for home learning?*
- *How will my child catch up if they don't understand/fully engage with the remote learning?*

Year 9 and Year 10 Remote learning

As you are aware from last week's letter, our Year 10 students have been completing their learning from home throughout this week and will return to school on **Monday 16th November**. All of our teaching staff have been working hard to provide high quality and engaging home learning resources for our students and monitoring their engagement with the tasks set in addition to covering absent colleagues. It has been

an excellent team effort so far and the additional capacity in school has made this possible without jeopardising our health and safety protocols. Largely, we have been impressed by the positive engagement and hard work of our students which has been pleasing and reassuring in equal measure. They are a credit to you and your support for the school appreciated by us all.

Our preparations have continued this week to ensure our Year 9 students are well prepared to complete their week of remote learning from **Monday 16th to Friday 20th November**. We have prepared students with various log in details, followed up to ensure all students have the correct devices and our expectations have been made clear through tutor based assemblies. There is a clear expectation for all students to engage with the work set via ClassCharts and our staff will be following up with students where there are any concerns about a lack of engagement or effort.

Free School Meals

Those students with a Free School Meal entitlement, will receive a digital Gift Card Voucher to cover the week that they are not in school and will be posted out to you.

Pursuit of Excellence

In line with our relentless pursuit of excellence, we have also been speaking to all our students across the school and outlining our clear expectations with regards to behaviour and standards. Whilst the majority of students are consistently following all school rules, we continue to strive for further improvement. The theme of the assemblies over the next week, will be focussed around what a 'model' Wellfield student is expected to behave like whilst in class, around school and within the local community. Where we feel students are not meeting our expectations, we will be working with parents to ensure there is a swift improvement.

In addition to this, all of our staff will be talking to students about their readiness to learn and the reasons why they are expected to respond when being directed by all of our staff. Therefore, all of the students will be hearing the words 'when you're ready' on a consistent basis from Monday 16th which, put simply, means a teacher is expecting your attention either in lesson or when lining up and will then be giving further instructions. We know our students will respond in the manner of what we would expect from a 'model' Wellfield student. Your continued support with this is as ever appreciated.

Competition Success

One of our Year 9 students, Haaris, recently entered a United Utilities Vlogstars competition in which he aimed to raise awareness of the importance of binning wet wipes rather than flushing them down the toilet. We were delighted and very proud to find out over the half term that Haaris finished in third place! Haaris has won a voucher for himself and also some money for the school which will be put to good use over the coming weeks.

COVID Bio-Security

Finally, we would like to reassure parents that with students now returning to their specialist teachers' classrooms, we continue to ensure a safe environment in all areas of the school with students continuing to move around the school as safely and calmly as they have always done so. There has been

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no 'relaxing' of measures. Students continue to walk in single file, masks on and supervised by both class teachers and duty teams, so that close contact exposure and the risk of aerosol transmission has been mitigated to the same level it was before the half term break. In addition, chairs and table are thoroughly wiped down with disinfectant on a lesson by lesson basis, to avoid transmission on surfaces. We constantly review our processes and procedures and will continue to keep all parents fully informed of any future changes.

It goes without saying that should you have any further questions related to the contents of this letter, please don't hesitate to contact us via the enquiries@whs.lancs.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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