



WEST HILL SCHOOL

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Home-School Communication - Year 8

Dear Parent/Carer,

There is much talk in the news about the effects of human behaviour on the climate and our environment. As part of our efforts to contribute towards reducing the impact that we have on the environment as a school, as well as acknowledging the expressed wishes of our pupils, we plan to cut back on the amount of paper communication that we routinely send home to parents. We hope that this switch will also eliminate the 'lost letter at the bottom of the school bag' issue and enable a more timely communication system between school and home.

As a result of this decision, you should expect to see a marked reduction in the number of paper copies of letters and reports that you receive from us. You will start to receive much of our communication in an electronic format. Our intention is not to flood your email inbox with unnecessary emails but instead to send important messages and information to parents and carers either by email, text message, the School Gateway or the school website.

Please see the table of information below that is relevant to **Year 8** pupils:

Date	Information
Friday 3 rd December 2021	Electronic Assessment Reports issued
Monday 28 th February 2022	Year 8 Parents' Consultation booking system opens
Friday 11 th March 2022	Paper and electronic Assessment Reports issued
Thursday 17 th March 2022	Year 8 Parents' Consultation – video call system
Friday 24 th June 2022	Electronic Assessment Reports issued

Please make a note of these important dates. This will help you to plan ahead. Please add them to your calendar and save the date of Parents' Consultations and their booking opening dates. Notifications will continue to be sent when the booking system is due to be opened.

To help to support you at Parents' Consultations, a paper copy of the Assessment Report issued at the time of your son's Parents' Consultation will continue to be sent home as usual. All other Assessment Reports issued throughout the year will only be sent home by email. For this reason, please ensure that we have the current email address of all contacts with parental responsibility for your son.

Your son's Assessment Report data is also available to you all year around on the School Gateway. In addition, you can receive information about your son's daily achievement and behaviour incidents. You can either download the School Gateway app or if you prefer you can access the same information on the School Gateway website at: <https://login.schoolgateway.com/0/auth/login>

All of this information and much more can also be found on the school website at: www.westhillschool.co.uk Our Twitter accounts contain lots of news about your son's school life and will also notify you with information about Assessment Reports and Parents' Consultations. You can follow our whole school account at [@westhillschool](https://twitter.com/westhillschool) and the Year 8 account at [@WH_2025](https://twitter.com/WH_2025) as well as many departmental Twitter accounts.

We very much hope you feel equipped with the information to support your son; that you can safely store and refer to with ease, whilst at the same time helping the environment.

Yours sincerely,

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