



WEST HILL SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

Thanks to the successful roll out of our testing programme, I can now confirm we will be reopening school to **all boys on Monday 8th March**. We really appreciate the support from families and boys to allow this to happen. I am hopeful our full return can be managed as effectively to avoid any future time away from school. In order for this to happen, the range of measures we had in place previously to reduce the risks of transmission remain. The key responses are summarised below, and are outlined in more detail in our FAQs on our website and are updated to reflect the most current information:

<https://www.westhillschool.co.uk/covid-19-coronavirus/covid-faqs>

Please emphasise to your son the importance of following the guidance. The risks are still present and the requirements apply across the whole of England, and are there to protect us all.

Boys will arrive as normal and be in their form area ready for **8.40 registration**.

We will spend a little longer in that first form period to remind boys of the expectations, these are as they were in the autumn term, but with an update to the mask requirements;

- Boys should walk or cycle to school where possible
- All boys will need to carry a personal hand sanitizer.
- Boys will need to keep to their year group bubbles and avoid mixing with others.
- Movement around school will be restricted with directional signs, and each year group will have a dedicated zone on the yard to maintain a year group bubble.
- The catering arrangements we had in the autumn remain <https://www.westhillschool.co.uk/catering>.
- The normal timetable will be followed in terms of lessons taught.
- We will continue to stagger departures from the school site from 14.40.
- Parents and Carers must not enter the school site without an appointment.
- All boys will need to have at least **2 face coverings**. These will be worn as required off site, and, based on directives from **Public Health authorities**, at all times on site, unless in their own yard zone or directed by a member of staff (e.g. eating lunch). This means masks will be worn by boys for most of their time in lessons.

As you can appreciate this situation presents a challenge, and will continue to do so. We are responding to announcements from the government that mean our arrangements are having to be updated, often at short notice. Our community is built around support and we need cooperation across all those involved to ensure we can make this work.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Owens
Headteacher