



THE WESTLEIGH SCHOOL
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4th January 2022

Dear Parent / Carer,

A very Happy New Year to you all and your families. I hope you were able to spend some time with family and friends over the Christmas break. I know that many have been affected by Covid during this period and we send our best wishes for a return to good health for all who have been poorly.

Reminder of reopening arrangements

As previously communicated, the Government have asked schools to undertake Lateral Flow Testing of students in school before they return. This will take place in school tomorrow.

School will therefore be closed to all students on Wednesday 5th January 2022, except to attend for Covid testing

In order to stagger testing and help manage queues, we ask students to attend between the following times:

- 9.30am – 11.00am – Key stage 3 (Year 7, 8 and 9)
- 11.30am – 12.30pm – Key Stage 4 (Year 10 and 11)

Siblings may attend together and if unable to attend at their allocated time, can attend the other session. We will keep the testing site open until 1.30pm in case of need.

If you have already consented, it is not necessary to provide consent again. If you have not yet consented to testing but wish your child to be tested in school on this or future occasions as needed, please complete the online form here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1KA6k2TETM3CHbPoxc6b6Del-aWXFy4erUPDv8S3Oyl/edit>

School will reopen to all students at our normal time of 8:25am on Thursday 6th January 2022

Latest Government guidance regarding face coverings

From Sunday 2 January, it is recommended that **face coverings are worn in classrooms where pupils in year 7 and above are educated.**

We are desperately trying to ensure that we follow the government guidance to keep everyone safe and I need parents to support school by ensuring that their children have masks, unless identified as exempt, which they must wear in line with the guidance, and that all uniform expectations are met.

So that we can protect our students, staff and community as much as we can, for those students who are persistently not bringing a mask to school or wearing it when required, who are not identified as exempt, will be handled in the same manner as someone who doesn't comply with other uniform regulations.

Can I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and I look forward to working with our amazing Westleigh family throughout 2022.

Kind regards,



Carlton Bramwell
Headteacher