

21st July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of a fantastic academic year at The Westleigh School, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and to celebrate some of the many successes we've enjoyed together over the past twelve months.

Can I firstly thank you for your support with school attendance. For the first time ever, we have beaten the national average across all school nationally for attendance. In addition, the Department for Education track schools against schools of a similar intake and I am delighted to report that we finished 5th out of 21 similar schools. Next year I will be striving to come top, not because it puts us at the top of any table but because good attendance directly correlates to strong outcomes for our students and I am driven to ensure that all of our students leave school with everything they need so that they can make next steps choices from a position of strength.

By working hard to understand the needs of our students better, I am thrilled to report that we have reduced permanent exclusion by 50% and students spending time in our reflection room has also reduced by 35%. Keeping our students in the classroom with staff they trust is key to ensuring they enjoy coming to school. Long may these reductions continue. Thank you to parents for supporting the school with the successful introduction of the mobile phone lockers. We have seen a massive reduction in phones being used and a huge well done to the students for getting on board with the changes.

Keeping in line with our continued focus on positive attendance and excellent attitudes to learning, we have reviewed and updated our processes surrounding Time-Out Passes and Early Passes.



Please scan the QR code to visit our website to read the updated guidance and familiarise yourself with the changes.

Our digital strategy continues to be a real strength of the school, with iPads now firmly embedded in high-quality teaching and learning. Used well, they enable teachers to model new learning clearly, provide effective scaffolds, check understanding quickly and give responsive feedback—all approaches supported by research into effective teaching. They also help pupils access resources, practise independently and act on feedback, ensuring technology enhances learning rather than simply replacing pen and paper.

However, our strategy can only be as effective as the equipment pupils bring to lessons. Please support us by ensuring that your child looks after their iPad and case, brings it to school fully charged each day and has a compatible stylus available. The pen does not need to be an expensive Apple Pencil; there are many good, lower-cost iPad-compatible alternatives available through retailers such as Amazon, TikTok Shop and Temu. Having all the necessary digital equipment each day ensures that every pupil can participate fully in learning and benefit from the opportunities our digital strategy provides.



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Assessment Weeks have become a part of our school journey in 2026, and I am so proud of the way the students have approached these assessments. The results reflect their hard work and the high standards they set for themselves, and we're delighted with the progress they've made.

As the summer break begins, we hope all our students and families take the opportunity to rest, recharge, and enjoy some well-deserved time together. We are already looking forward to welcoming everyone back in September, ready to build on this year's successes and continue striving for excellence in all we do.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable summer holiday.

Warm regards,

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