



THE WESTLEIGH SCHOOL

Aspiring & Achieving Together

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17th December 2020

Dear Parent / Carer,

Once again we have enjoyed a successful and busy term of learning at school. Whilst the events of Covid-19 have unfolded, school has remained a place of safety and learning for the children where they are happy and settled.

Online Parents Evenings were a success; although different to what we are all used to, it did allow the opportunity to discuss your child's progress and achievements this term. A year 11 Parents Evening will take place Thursday 21 January 2020 4-7pm. Details will be sent out next term but please save the date in your diaries. Please remember that teachers are still here to discuss any problems or concerns that you may have; whilst the face to face contact may not be the same as usual, emails and phone calls can still be used.

Where bubbles have been required to close, online home learning has worked well and the feedback from yourselves has been generally positive. We know that this can be difficult for parents and that it cannot replace the children being present in school, but it is the best possible alternative when the unfortunate has happened. I am personally delighted that **we have had the least number of cases within the secondary setting within Wigan** and that is testament to how well the children have followed rules and expectations. It also goes without saying that your support in ensuring your children stay safe has been instrumental. I am also thankful for the vigilance that my staff have provided as again staff attendance has been amongst the highest in the borough.

I would like to thank all the children for their amazing attitudes to learning, resilience and for the amazing smiles on their faces that cannot fail to put a smile on my face! I would also like to thank parents for your support, kind words and encouragement and for providing support to the school staff.

Please can I take this opportunity to remind you about the contact information regarding Covid-19 during the Christmas break. If any child from school **develops symptoms up to and including Sunday night – 20th December** – please can you inform myself straight away on Covid19@westleigh.wigan.sch.uk

Please do not wait until the test result is back in. This way once I have been informed, I can trace the bubble and write letters / emails in preparation of a positive result being returned. Once the result is returned please let me know immediately. Unfortunately, any positive result for children showing symptoms up to Sunday evening of the 20th December, will result in those identified as being in close contact having to isolate. Whilst I know if this happens, this will be very frustrating for yourselves, please remember that we are following Government guidelines.

The Westleigh School, Westleigh Lane, Leigh, Lancashire WN7 5NL

Please be aware that **Friday the 18th school is open as normal.**

So that we can ensure a safe exit please note the finish times below for the different year groups.

- **12.05 End of the day for Year 11, 9 and 7**
- **12.15 end of the day for Year 10 and 8**

As we plan for our return please note some small changes that will be implemented when the students return on **Tuesday January 5th:**

- **Gates will open at 8.15.**
- **Year 11, 10 & 9 start at 8.25 am**
- **Year 8 & 7 start at 8.40 am**
- **Year 10 & 9 finish at 2.40 pm**
- **Year 11, 8 & 7 finish at 2.50 pm**

I need parents to support school by ensuring students have masks which they must wear at all times when moving around the site and **that all uniform expectations are met.**

For safety a one way system will be deployed in all blocks with inward and outward doors. Students will remain in separate bubbles during unstructured time and when getting their lunch and break.

The school will be ensuring additional cleaning takes place to ensure our students have the best chance of avoiding catching this terrible virus whilst keeping their academic process moving forward at pace.

Can I take this opportunity to wish all our wonderful families a very merry Christmas and a Covid free new year, and I look forward to working with our amazing Westleigh family next year.

Kind regards,



Carlton Bramwell
Headteacher