



## THE WESTLEIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing following a very late announcement from the Department of Education and to inform you of how this will impact on our children's return to school after the Christmas break.

To summarise their direction all pupils in **year 11 and vulnerable children** must attend school in person from the start of term. Provision will be available for children of critical workers if required. For this provision we will be requesting a letter from employers or another form of ID when students enter the building to ensure provision is matched to those individuals with the greatest need.

Please find below a link to a survey that will allow critical worker parents to notify us if they require their child to be in school.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KN6HDKX>

Secondary schools will **operate a staggered return**, offering all non-exam year groups full-time remote education, as close as possible to that which students would get in class, during the first week of term, with **face-to-face education for all starting on 11 January**.

We recognise that this is late notice for some families, but this is a directive issued by the Department for Education. They have also issued guidance regarding the school delivering Lateral Flow Tests from January 2021. Information as yet is incomplete, and it is highly likely that more detail will be issued over the Christmas holiday. We shall keep you up to date via our website and social media.

As a reminder, here are the start times for year groups:

- **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**

Thanks for your continued support during this constant period of change, I remain proud to be the Headteacher of this wonderful school that lies at the heart of this community.

From all the staff at the school can I wish you all a very merry Christmas.

Yours sincerely,

**Carlton Bramwell**  
Headteacher