



**THE WESTLEIGH SCHOOL**  
Aspiring & Achieving Together

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you prepare for your child to return to school or start with us, on **Thursday 2 September**, we would like to take the opportunity to remind you of the following details and arrangements, and share some information regarding Covid, and transport to and from school, that will help them make a smooth start:

**Start Date and Time:**

All Year Groups start back on **Thursday 2 September** at the following times:

**Year 7**

Arrive for an **8:25am** start. Students will be guided straight to an Assembly with their Head of Year.

Following this, time will then be spent with Form Tutors before beginning lessons at 11:05am

**Year 8 – 11**

Arrive from **9:25am** and go straight to their Form Room. Time will be spent with their Form Tutor.

Please note there are one or two form changes listed below. If your child was in one of the forms listed, they need to go straight to the room indicated on the list. Staff will be on hand to guide them on the morning also.

Lessons will begin at 11:05am.

Form Last Year	Go to this room on Thursday 2 September
7FSW	M3
7STM	M10
8APG	M5
8ALM	J1
8DHG	F8
9PEH	J6
9DMM	E5
9NMS	E4
9MMS	M11
9CEM	D5
10PSR	S4
10KET	J7



## **Uniform and Jewellery - Standards and Expectations:**

As we communicated at the end of term and also via our website, the uniform and jewellery guidelines and expectations are as follows:

- No jewellery other than a wristwatch
- No false, acrylic or gel nails.
- No false eyelashes / lash extensions.
- Black trousers
- Pleated school skirt (not rolled up)
- School blazer (sleeves rolled down)
- White shirt / blouse (tucked in)
- School Tie (seven stripes showing)
- Grey Socks or tights
- Plain black Shoes (no logos)

Further clarification can be found on the school website.

## **School Bus Service**

We have recently received notification from TfGM (Transport for Greater Manchester) of some changes to the bus services that normally serve our school. Should your child usually take the bus, to or from school, or be planning to do so in September, please find the details below.

The following bus services run **close by** - more details can be found at [www.tfgm.com](http://www.tfgm.com):

- Stagecoach service 9 – Higher Folds, Leigh, Westleigh, Bickershaw, Platt Bridge, Wigan
- Vision Bus service 595 – Hindley Green, Leigh

Additionally specific **school day only** services also serve the school as follows:

Tyrers service 990 – Hag Fold, Atherton, Howe Bridge, Lilford

### **Changes to school day only services from 1 September 2021**

- Service 599 – will be replaced by changes to service 990.
- Service 932 – will be replaced by changes to service 990.

***If your child previously travelled to school using either of these bus services, they will no longer be able to do so. Both services have been replaced by Service 990. Details of this service follow below:***

- Service 990 – will reroute to run via Leigh and **retimed to run up to 11 minutes earlier** and will be **run by Tyrers** instead of Olympia.

TfGM Contract:	0452	TfGM Contract:	0452
Minimum Capacity:	90	Minimum Capacity:	90
Operator Code:	TYR	Operator Code:	TYR

Hag Fold, Spa Road turning circle	0738	Westleigh High School	1455
Oxford Road/Norfolk Road	0744	Wigan Road/Edna Road	1503
Atherton, Punch Bowl	0754	Leigh, Wigan Road/Clifton Street	1509
Leigh, Wigan Road/Clifton Street	0802	Atherton, Mealhouse Lane	1516
Wigan Road/Edna Road	0807	Hag Fold, Spa Road turning circle	1530
Westleigh High School	0815		

From Hag Fold, Spa Road turning circle via Spa Road, Devonshire Road, Oxford Road, Warwick Road, Somerset Road, Car Bank Street, Formby Avenue, Gloucester Street, York Street, Bolton Road, Church Street, Market Street, Wigan Road, Atherleigh Way, Twist Lane, Wigan Road, Nel Pan Lane, Westleigh Lane to Westleigh High School.

Returning from Westleigh High School via Westleigh Lane, Corner Lane, Atherton Road, Leigh Road, Wigan Road, Twist Lane, Atherleigh Way, Wigan Road, Mealhouse Lane, Water Street, Formby Avenue, Car Bank Street, Somerset Road, Warwick Road, Oxford Road, Devonshire Road, Spa Road to Hag Fold, Spa Road turning circle.

### **Schools Covid 19 Operational Guidance**

In line with the latest Government guidance updated on 17th August 2021 explaining the actions schools should take to reduce the risk of transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19) in schools, there will be some key changes to our approach for our students September return.

The government continues to manage the risk of serious illness from the spread of the virus. Step 4 marked a new phase in the government's response to the pandemic, moving away from stringent restrictions on everyone's day-to-day lives. As COVID-19 becomes a virus that we learn to live with, there is now an imperative to reduce the disruption to children and their education, particularly given that direct clinical risks to children are extremely low, and every adult has been offered a first vaccine and the opportunity for 2 doses by mid-September.

Our priority is to deliver face-to-face, high quality education to all pupils. The evidence is clear that being out of education causes significant harm to educational attainment, life chances, mental and physical health.

## The key changes are:

*Mixing and Bubbles:* It is no longer recommended that it is necessary to keep children in bubbles so these will not be needed in school from the autumn term

*Tracing close contacts and isolation:* Close contacts will now be identified by NHS track and trace so we will no longer undertake this in school. NHS Test and Trace will work with parents of any positive cases to identify close contacts for any necessary action to be taken.

*Isolation:* Under 18s are no longer required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19. Instead, they will be contacted by NHS Track and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. We would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so.

*Face Coverings:* Face coverings are no longer advised for pupils, staff and visitors either in classrooms or communal areas so these will not be required in school from the Autumn term. The government does however recommend face coverings are worn in enclosed and crowded places where you may come into contact with people you don't know, this includes public transport and dedicated transport to school

## Protective Measures

We will continue to maintain the following measures in line with the latest guidance to reduce the risk of transmission in school and protect our students, staff and community:

- Hand Hygiene – regular hand washing/sanitization
- Respiratory Hygiene – “Catch it, Bin it, Kill it”
- Cleaning: Continued enhanced cleaning regimes in classrooms and communal spaces
- Ventilation: Occupied spaces will be well ventilation whilst maintaining a comfortable learning environment
- Asymptomatic testing: 2 onsite lateral flow device (LFD) tests on return to school (**please see the school website and social media for important information relating to testing**), followed by twice weekly testing for all students and staff during September when this will be reviewed.
- Confirmatory PCR tests: Anyone with a positive LFD test should self isolate, follow guidance, and arrange a follow up PCR test

It is important that all of our school community continues to follow public health advice on testing, self isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19. The latest guidance can be found here Coronavirus (COVID-19): guidance - GOV.UK ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)).

**Please note:** If we have a substantial increase in the number of positive cases in school it may be necessary to reintroduce some temporary measures, including face coverings or bubbles, under the guidance and advice of public health as part of our Outbreak Management Plan. In this eventuality we will communicate accordingly and would ask for your support in helping reduce the risk of spread.

We thank you for your ongoing support and look forward to the safe return of all our students on the 2 September.

Yours sincerely,



**Carlton Bramwell**  
Headteacher