



THE WESTLEIGH SCHOOL

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Standards Updates

Improvements in behaviour

I am delighted to share some significant and positive developments in relation to behaviour and attendance across our school over the past academic year.

Thanks to the hard work and commitment of our students, staff, and families, we have seen a clear and sustained improvement in behaviour and attitudes to learning. In a recent staff survey, 73% of staff reported that behaviour has improved across the school. This is supported by a 74% reduction in fixed-term exclusions and a 64% reduction in permanent exclusions — strong indicators that our school environment is becoming increasingly calm, focused, and respectful.

We are also pleased to share that **attendance has improved by 2%** compared to the previous academic year — a clear indication that students are increasingly engaged and motivated to be in school and ready to learn.

To further support punctuality, we introduced a **same-day late detention** during the last half term. This requires students who arrive late to make up the lost time at the end of the school day. Since its implementation, we have seen a **28% reduction in lateness**, which is a very encouraging outcome. We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and students that **arrival after 9:04am means a student will not receive a morning registration mark**. It is therefore essential that all students arrive on time each day to maximise their learning and ensure accurate attendance records.

Looking ahead, we are excited to be launching a new personal development programme from September: 'The Westleigh Edge'. This initiative is designed to prepare our students for life beyond school, equipping them with the knowledge, skills, and character they need for future employment. It will also support their cultural capital, helping them to become well-rounded, confident young people ready to make a positive contribution to society.

Uniform

Thank you for your support again during this Year in relation to Uniform. I would like to remind all parents and carers of the expectations at the school in relation to uniform.

1. All pupils should be wearing full school uniform, including appropriate footwear (a black leather type shoe) – Nike Air Force one trainers, crocs and sliders are NOT school uniform. Students who are in trainers without a medical reason, will be given a pair of shoes at the pupil office to wear for the day.
2. Blazers and ties must be worn upon entry to school and throughout the day. Pupils should NOT bring hoodies/sweatshirts to school and these should NOT be worn at any time during the school day. We have seen an increase in hoodies throughout the year. These should not be brought into school.



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3. We are a strictly 'no jewellery' school. Any jewellery seen will be confiscated and students can collect these at the end of the day from the pupil office. False nails and lashes are not permitted, and students will be isolated until these are removed.

Mobile Phones

Mobile phones are strictly not allowed in school. This ban is from the moment they step through the school gates, not the start of registration, and this has been made very clear to students. They should be turned off on arrival to school in the morning and should be kept in bags, turned off, until the end of the school day.

As a reminder our policy clearly states that mobile phones should not be used in school during the day. Our policy states: See it, Hear it, Lose it and therefore, phones should be away and not in top blazer pocket where it can be seen.

Phones will be immediately confiscated if they are seen in school and parents/carers will be asked to come into school to collect them if this on the second occasion.

There are clear reasons why mobile phones are not permitted in school at The Westleigh School:

- **Mobile phone addiction can cause mental health issues.**
- **There is increasing concern regarding the role mobile phones play in the increasing amount of online bullying and child-on-child abuse.**
- **Mobile phones reduce concentration and productivity in lessons.**

I know that as supportive parents and carers you will continue to ensure that our high expectations are maintained in terms of your child's uniform and the rules around mobile phones. This will enable us to ensure your child receives a high-quality education to support them in their adult life. We are looking into bringing Yondr pouches into school in the Autumn term. If you would like to know more about Yondr pouches please see here.

[Schools — Yondr](#)

School Gates Opening Time

From September, the school gates will open at **8:10am**. This is to ensure adequate supervision onsite.

Before entry, students will be checked for appropriate uniform and will need to switch phones off and place in bags.

Upon arrival, students will be allowed in the canteen and on the main yard but are not permitted in the school building. Again, this is due to safety and adequate supervision.



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Equipment

Students need to bring a school bag with the necessary **minimum** equipment which includes:

- A fully charged iPad, charger and iPad pen
- A black pen
- A Green pen
- A pencil
- A ruler

Form tutors will be carrying out equipment checks each morning and you may be contacted if your child is not ready for the day of learning ahead.

Rewards

This year, our students have taken part in a wide range of enriching experiences, including memorable trips to Haigh Hall, the Trafford Centre, and many more exciting destinations. They have also enjoyed visiting our **Green Card Rewards Hut**, where they've had the opportunity to exchange their well-earned green achievement slips for a variety of fantastic prizes — a celebration of their positive contributions to school life.

Looking ahead, we're excited to introduce **termly rewards trips** for the next academic year. These will be open to all students and will be based on their behaviour and attendance, ensuring that excellence is recognised and celebrated throughout the year.