



**THE WESTLEIGH SCHOOL**  
Aspiring & Achieving Together

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Can I start by once again thanking all of you for your continued support over the past few months, and in particular for the overwhelming support you have shown this week with our requirement to mass test prior to re-opening. We are so pleased to be fully open again from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March and are really looking forward to having **all** of our wonderful young people back at school **full time**. We all hope this is a large step towards finally getting back to 'normal' ways of working. Please feel reassured, we are under no illusion that we are still in the midst of a pandemic, therefore the ongoing safety of our students and staff will remain our top priority.

Many of the control measures that were put in place in September 2020 and adapted for January 2021 will still be relevant now:

- Students will still be in year group bubbles during break and lunch based in geographical zones within the school.
- Lunch will be provided within student 'bubble' groups and geographical zones.
- One way systems are in place where students and staff are required to move between and around buildings.
- Sanitisation of any furniture and equipment that is shared will take place every lesson.
- Students and staff will sanitise their hands on entry and exit to every room.
- Classrooms will be well ventilated.
- Social distancing will be adhered to wherever possible.

### Face Coverings

One of the biggest differences from earlier in the year is that until Easter in the first instance, the DFE have announced that students are expected to wear face coverings **in classrooms** as well as corridors and other indoor, communal areas. Therefore, we ask you to ensure your child comes to school with **at least one mask each day**. We will not be providing students with masks so it is very important they have one as part of their uniform each day. If your child is exempt from wearing a face covering, then can you please let us know as soon as possible.

Full guidance from the DFE can be found here:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/963541/Schools\\_coronavirus\\_operational\\_guidance.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/963541/Schools_coronavirus_operational_guidance.pdf)

### Uniform Expectations

As we want school to feel as normal as possible, we will continue to uphold the highest expectations of behaviour and uniform. We want all of our students to represent themselves as the very best version of themselves each and every day, something which will further help them succeed in life. Therefore, it is important students come to school on Monday with a positive mind-set and in correct, full school uniform. If there is any reason your child does not have the correct uniform or footwear please let us know as soon as possible.

### Mobile Devices

We will continue to impose the policy that mobile phones should not be used in school and if being brought onto site should be turned off and in student's bags. This is to ensure our students are focused on their education each day and not distracted by social media and other issues associated with mobile devices.

The table below outlines the changes to the school day. A full timetable of school buses will also be back in operation from Monday 8 March 2021, If your child is in Year 8 or 7 and needs to access site earlier then please let school know and we will endeavour to support this request.

Year group	Allocated Entrance & Exit	Start Time	Finish Time
11	Canteen entrance via gate towards main entrance	8.25am	2.45pm
10	Science Gate	8.25am	2.45pm
9	J block Gate	8.25am	2.45pm
8	J block Gate	8.45am	3.00pm
7	Science Gate	8.45am	3.00pm

As we cannot predict when the requirement for track and trace and self-isolation will end following a positive COVID 19 case, good attendance to school is more important than ever. We will be working hard in the coming months to 'accelerate' the progress of our students to ensure they reach their full potential and additional time away from school will make this even more of a challenge for your child.

We are immensely excited looking forward to having our students back at school.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



**Carlton Bramwell**  
Headteacher