



**THE WESTLEIGH SCHOOL**  
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Dear Parent/Carer

You will no doubt have heard the good news in the Prime Minister's statement this week that schools will be returning to face-to-face teaching from Monday 8th March 2021 and we are delighted to be able to welcome all our students back to Westleigh. As you would expect there is a little bit more detail behind the headline and the details are contained within this link:

[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)

The return of students is **from 8th March 2021** and there is an expectation that secondary school students are tested 3 times in school and once at home, the first test being before they return. Once a child has had their first negative test they can begin lessons. Whilst there are huge logistical issues to overcome to undertake up to 400 tests per day over 2 weeks, this testing is vital to ensure the safety of our students, our staff and our community. We will manage this with your help and it will undoubtedly make our community safer for everyone, and I therefore hope you will support this for overall safety of our entire community. Our aspiration is to test every student before they return and in order to achieve this we strongly encourage you to provide consent by clicking on the Google form link below:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfn6JuAZMlqeKYdkbWMOL09rc9T8iMzQ2DKsdYcuDo6\\_tu - Q/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfn6JuAZMlqeKYdkbWMOL09rc9T8iMzQ2DKsdYcuDo6_tu-Q/viewform?usp=sf_link)

We have been advised that we are able to invite our students into school before the 8<sup>th</sup> for the first test which means we will be able to welcome all students back at the earliest opportunity on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March, providing a consistent experience and return to normality for everyone. Testing will therefore take place, for those students for whom we have received consent, between Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021. Details of when your child should attend based on their Year Group and Band are below. **Can you ensure they attend at their allocated time slot.** Students should enter site at the main gates at the front of school and will be directed where to go next. Students will receive test 2 and 3 in the first few days back.

	Wed 3 March 2021	Thurs 4 March 2021	Fri 5 March 2021	Monday 8 March 2021
<b>Y11</b>	<b>Testing day</b> Band A 9am – 10am Band B 10am – 11am			Return to school at 8.25am
<b>Y10</b>	<b>Testing day</b> Band A 11am – 12noon Band B 12noon - 1pm			Return to school at 8.25am
<b>Y7</b>		<b>Testing day</b> Band A 9am – 10am Band B 10am – 11am		Return to school at 8.45am
<b>Y9</b>		<b>Testing day</b> Band A 11am – 12noon Band B 12noon - 1pm		Return to school at 8.25am
<b>Y8</b>			<b>Testing day</b> Band A 9am – 10am Band B 10am – 11am	Return to school at 8.45am

If your child is unable to attend at the time stated, please contact the main office to advise.

When students come back from 8th March many of the control measures that were put in place in September 2020 and adapted for January 2021 will still be relevant now. 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

Students will still be in year group bubbles during break and lunch based in geographical zones within the school with one way systems in place where students and staff are required to move between and around buildings. There will be sanitisation of any furniture and equipment that is shared, classrooms have to be ventilated, social distancing will be adhered to wherever possible and so on. One of the biggest differences from earlier is that until Easter, **students are expected to wear face coverings in classrooms** as well as corridors and other indoor communal areas. Therefore, we ask you ensure your child comes to school with **at least one mask each day**. We will not be providing students with masks so it's 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.

We will of course keep you informed leading up to the 8<sup>th</sup> March via our Website, Social Media and direct communication of full details of the changes and measures we will put in place to ensure the school is as safe as we can make it.

We are hugely looking forward to having our students back at school. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



Headteacher