

# WESTCLIFF HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

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Dear Parents and Carers,  
I hope you and your family continue to be well.

## Pupils needing to be in school

School continues to be open to provide a learning space for the children of Key Workers where there is no one at home able to supervise them, and for those who are vulnerable. If your child needs to use this facility, please email [generalenquiries@whsg.info](mailto:generalenquiries@whsg.info) to register for this by Thursday the previous week.

Please note that the same expectations apply to these pupils as for Year 10 or Year 12 pupils attending school.

## Telephone Calls Home

These calls will not take place if your Year 10 or Year 12 daughter/son is coming into school next week.

Staff will be telephoning to make contact with the rest of our pupils in Years 7-10 and Year 12. Please be ready to take this call.

Please remember that we are no longer calling home to our Year 11 or Year 13 pupils. All calls will stop as from Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July.

## Exercise Books

Some pupils are needing additional exercise books for their work while at home. We will post these out. Please email [generalenquiries@whsg.info](mailto:generalenquiries@whsg.info) with details of the subjects involved.

## Guidance for September

Guidance on the opening of schools was issued yesterday (Thursday). Key points are:

- Face coverings are not recommended;
- Pupils to be in uniform; cleaned as normal;
- Hand cleaning has to be a frequent occurrence, including before school, and before and after eating;
- 'Catch it, bin it, kill it' approach to coughs and sneezes;
- Pupils to hand sanitise before entering toilet area, and on leaving;
- Adults to maintain Social Distancing of 2m wherever possible;
- Pupils not to share resources (pens, calculators etc);
- Full classes;
- All pupils at WHSG to maximize social distancing with other year groups;
- Year groups as 'bubbles';
- Outdoor sports to be prioritized;
- Canteen to be open;
- Dedicated school buses can operate so long as children hand sanitise and wear face coverings (as they will be mixing with different year groups and children from other schools);
- Pupils to cycle / walk to school where possible;
- Limiting singing, playing musical instruments, or shouting (except, maybe, outside);
- No overnight or overseas visits.



Science



Engineering



Southend-on-Sea



We are looking at ways to ensure the school is 'Covid-Secure':

- We will look to install additional hand washing stations;
- Cleaning wipes available in each room (pupils to clean surfaces and keyboards before and after using)
- Where possible, text books will not be shared; if shared they will be wiped down between classes;
- More frequent cleaning to take place;
- Rooms to be well ventilated;
- Pupils will be provided with a pair of safety glasses for their own use in Design & Technology and Science lessons;
- Pupils to bring an old adult shirt (preferably thick cotton) to use instead of an apron (Food) or labcoat (D&T, Science);
- Pupils are to ensure that they have their own purple pen, green pen and whiteboard pen for Teaching and Learning activities;
- Pupils are to use the mini whiteboards in their planners, rather than teachers having to issue from the box in every classroom (though we are looking at whether we can provide every pupil with a A4 mini-whiteboard);
- Staggered starts / breaks / lunch-times will be investigated;
- No large gatherings such as whole school assemblies (year group assemblies are permitted);
- Use of staff rooms to be minimized;
- Doors to be propped open to minimize touching (including to toilet areas)
- Classes to be laid out in rows with children side by side and facing the front (I think most of the Cabinet were taught this way)!

**We have to be pragmatic and do our best to meet the overarching principle of reducing contacts between children and staff.**

Timetable for Year 12:

If the session is printed in black, these sessions are the ones previously communicated to the students and will focus on reviewing the Year 12 examination and consolidation of previous work.

If the session is printed in blue, this is an additional session and the Head of Department will have emailed the students to tell them how to register for this extra opportunity.

Each session is planned to last for 2 hours.

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2020	Business Studies Drama Computing	Physics
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2020	Further Maths <b>Music</b>	Geography Graphics
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July 2020	History	English Language & Literature English Literature
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July 2020	Gov & Pol Spanish	Law French

### Additional Support for Year 10

We have also created some additional sessions for Year 10 pupils to be in school and receive support with their remote learning.

Not all students can come in at the same time (to maintain social distancing rules and guidance on the number of students who can be on the site at the same time). In this case, the Head of Department will email the students directly to let them know which of the sessions they are invited to attend.

Each session is planned to last for 2 hours.

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2020	<b>Music Art</b>	<b>Music Art</b>
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2020	<b>Drama* Art</b>	<b>Drama*</b>
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July 2020	<b>Engineering</b>	<b>Engineering</b>
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July 2020	<b>Engineering</b>	

*\* Please note these sessions will last for 3 hours, the timings of which have been emailed to students by their teacher.*

### Week Commencing Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July

We will publish the timetable for the last week of term next Friday.

During this time it will not be possible to maintain 'bubbles' of pupils. We will ask pupils to maintain Social Distancing and Covid-hygiene, but please be aware that it will be necessary to mix pupils across groups so they can attend their Option subjects.

### Pupils Registered to Attend but Unable to be in School

Please ensure you telephone the school before 8.30am if your daughter/son was expected to attend that day but now cannot do so.

### Autumn Examinations

This week Ofqual have published the consultation decisions with regards to additional exam series in autumn 2020. The key points are:

- Full suite of exams will be offered at AS, A level and GCSE;
- Autumn series will be exams only. Non-examination assessments will not be included in the autumn series – except for Art & Design;
- A-levels to take place in October (exact dates will be confirmed by JCQ/awarding bodies in the coming weeks). Results are expected to be published before Christmas;
- GCSEs to take place in November (exact dates will be confirmed by JCQ/awarding bodies in the coming weeks). Results are expected to be published in February;
- Reviews of marking will be available as normal;
- Entries for the autumn exam series will only be accepted for students who were entered for the summer 2020 exam series, or who were not entered due to an administrative error;

- Awarding bodies are required to issue a new certificate if student requests that their certificate only shows their best grade;
- Entry deadline information will be confirmed by JCQ in the coming weeks.

DfE Advice for Parents and carers on keeping children safe from abuse and harm.

The recently issued advice can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-from-abuse-and-harm>

Start of Next Term

We are altering the start of next term.

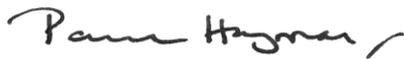
Only pupils in Year 7 and Year 12 will attend on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

All pupils will be in school on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

Further details to come.

Keep safe!

With best wishes,



Dr Paul Hayman

**Headteacher**