



WESTCLIFF HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you managed to get as good a Christmas time as possible in the current circumstances.



Science

The start of term

Please can I remind you that pupils will be undertaking remote learning at home for the week beginning Monday January 4th 2021, in line with their normal timetable.

In the second week of term, starting Monday 11th January, only Years 11 and 13 will be accommodated in school. All other year groups will continue with remote learning at home.



Engineering

During these two weeks the school will be open for children of critical workers and those who are vulnerable. If your child needs to be in school you must email details of their name, form and the days they will be in to generalenquiries@whsg.info no later than 3pm on the preceding Thursday (ie 31st December for the week beginning January 4th). Children in this category will undertake their remote learning using a school computer. Pupils are expected to be in uniform, bring their own snacks and drink for the day in school. We shall provide lunch for pupils in school.

Pupils will be expected to adhere to the school's Behaviour Codes (please see attached).



If your child is expected in school but not attending, you must contact the school each day with details.



Southend-on-Sea

Revised Timetables

There have been revisions to the timetables for a number of pupils (and staff!). Details have been made available on MCAS. This is the timetable to be followed from January 4th 2021.



Year 13 PPEs

These have been postponed by one week.



W/C Monday 18th January

Information about on site provision for all pupils from 18th January will be made as soon as possible having reviewed the public health information.



Covid tests

We are expecting all students, with their families, to have been tested in the week before returning to school, even if you have no symptoms.

The only exception is for those who have had a positive test in the previous 12 weeks, as it may give an incorrect positive result.



You will have read reports about schools undertaking testing of children using a 'Lateral Flow Test'. These test kits are not due into school before January 4th, after which we will decide if it is possible/sensible to set up the testing facility. Much of the information needed to operate this process has not yet arrived. Should we go ahead, then we will be contacting parents to ask for permission to test your child should they be identified as a 'close contact' of another pupil who has tested positive. We hope to send out this permission request soon after January 4th.

Please note that without this process, then any child we identify as a 'close contact' will be required to self-isolate at home for 10 days instead of remaining in school.



It is likely that we will need volunteers to help with this testing, but do not know exact requirements at present. If you would like to help, please can you email in with your availability to generalenquiries@whsg.info putting "Volunteer" in the heading of your email.

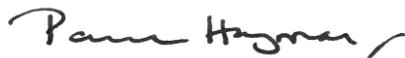
Free School Meal Provision

Vouchers will be sent out in the week commencing 4th January to families where their child qualifies for Free School Meals.

Given the current situation, there may still be further changes to communicate, so please look out for these.

May we all look forward to a better year ahead!

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Hayman" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dr Paul Hayman
Headteacher

PUPILS IN SCHOOL DURING TEMPORARY CLOSURE PERIODS

Arrangements for the period 4th – 15th January 2021

You should wear your normal uniform and adhere to the school's Behaviour Code at all times while on the school site.

You should enter the building at 8.30am and go straight to your allocated space in an IT room. This is where you will undertake your work and where you will be during normal lesson times.

You will be registered at the start of each lesson. It is your responsibility to be on time.

If you arrive late in the morning, you must sign in at the Student Window.

You should bring all the materials you need for the day's work. This includes headphones for lessons that involve sound.

During breaks and lunches you will remain in your work room where you will be supervised. You should bring a reading book and/or other quiet appropriate activities to undertake during this time. (Years 12 & 13 may go to Hylands at these times so long as this area is supervised).

You may use the toilets during breaks.

You may not go to any other rooms or spaces.

You will leave the site at 3.30pm each day. Should you need to stay beyond this time, this must have been pre-arranged between the school and your parents.

If there is a Fire Alarm you must leave the building using the designated Fire Route and congregate in the Year 11 marquee on the front lawn.

You must obey the rules relating to preventing the transmission of Covid-19. This includes wearing a face mask when moving around inside the school buildings.

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Headteacher
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