



# WESTCLIFF HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

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Dear Parents and Carers,



I hope you remain well.



Science

### Pupils needing to be in school

If your child meets the criteria for working in school and you need them to attend, please ensure you email their name, form and the days they will be in, by Thursday of the preceding week, to [generalenquiries@whsg.info](mailto:generalenquiries@whsg.info). Students attending school must attend 8:30 – 3:30 and are not allowed to leave early.



Engineering

### Parental Perceptions of Remote Learning Offer

We would like to know how parents currently view the school's remote learning offer. Some parents have requested more 'live lessons', others tell us that they like the flexibility afforded by our current model.

We shall be sending a questionnaire out next week to ask for your views.



### Late Work

We understand there can be good reasons for work being late, but when work is received late, it adds to staff workload.

For pupils in Years 7-11, we have agreed that if one piece of work in a subject is late the teacher will email the student to remind them to submit it. Unless there is a satisfactory reason, any assessed work not submitted by a published deadline or any other work more than 48 hours late will not be marked and a zero score recorded. This may also affect future PT grades in the subject concerned.

When a second piece of work in a subject is late, the Head of Department will email the parent as well as the child and their Learning Manager.

For students in Years 12 & 13 a similar process occurs.



Southend-on-Sea



### Working late at night

Some students have been submitting work late at night (we have had a Year 7 pupil submit work at 12.30am).

Please can parents ensure that work is submitted at a reasonable time and that children, as part of maintaining good mental health, are getting a proper night's sleep.



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### INSET Day, February 12<sup>th</sup>

The school will not be open to any pupils on 12<sup>th</sup> February which is an INSET Day.

### Well-being Calls

Well-being calls will not take place during the period 12<sup>th</sup> February – 19<sup>th</sup> February inclusive.

### Half Term

In line with DfE guidance, our school will not be open to vulnerable children and the children of critical workers during half-term week.

### Year 8 Parents Evening

Parents of Year 8 pupils will have received a letter with details about the remote Parents Evening.

Please try to only make appointments with teachers of subjects where you have concerns.

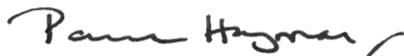
### Covid Test Results

Please can you ensure you email the school when any pupil obtains a positive Covid test result. This includes results for pupils currently not in school and any obtained at weekends or during a school holiday.

### Latest Library Newsletter

Our Librarian, Mrs Giles, has uploaded the latest newsletter from the Library to Sharepoint (Library - Library Newsletters - Reading mini newsletter). It is a lockdown special aimed at staff, students, parents and governors alike. Mrs Giles has written it to support student mental wellbeing and is well worth a read.

With best wishes,



Dr Paul Hayman

**Headteacher**