



WESTCLIFF HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am now able to provide details about the return to school for our pupils.

In creating this schedule, I have had to take into account:

- The on-site testing capacity that we have for pupils (which is shared between 3 schools);
- The current levels of Covid transmission rates;
- That a significant proportion of our pupils are drawn from a wide area, and
- The need to ensure a safe working environment;
- The need for Key Worker and vulnerable children to be in school;
- That some pupils will still be self-isolating.



Science



Engineering

We have aimed for as many pupils as possible to be in school for 2 out of the remaining 3 weeks. Bearing in mind the above, this has been arranged as follows:



Year 13 – In school March 8th – March 12th, then March 22nd – March 26th.

Year 12 – In school March 8th – March 12th, then March 22nd – March 26th.

Year 11 – In school March 8th – March 12th, then March 15th – March 19th.

Year 10 – In school March 10th – March 12th, then March 15th – March 19th.

Year 9 – In school March 15th – March 19th, then March 22nd – March 26th.

Year 8 – In school March 15th – March 19th, then March 22nd – March 26th.

Year 7 – In school March 16th – March 19th, then March 22nd – March 26th.



Please note that Years 7 & 10 will not be able to have 2 full weeks.



During this period, there will be significant disruption to the education provided as we need to ensure Covid tests are undertaken.

Where year groups are not planned to be in school, remote learning will be provided.

Pupils who are self-isolating will be provided with work after a lesson has taken place.



LFD tests for pupils at WHSG will take place in the afternoons. To enable this to occur:

All pupils in Year 13 must be present for the afternoons of 8th & 11th March.

All pupils in Year 12 must be present for the afternoons of 9th & 12th March.

All other pupils will be tested on days they are expected in school.



After completing their test, pupils will go to their year group marquee where they will wait until the result of the test is confirmed.

In the event of a negative test result:

- Pupils in Years 12 & 13 will return to class or will be able to leave school if they have no further lessons;
- Pupils in Years 7-11 will return to class.



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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. Students attending school must attend 8:30 – 3:30 and are not allowed to leave early.

From Monday 8th March these students will take part in on-site LFD tests and will not need to obtain separate tests outside of school. When their Year group is in school they will join them for lessons. At other times they will be allocated a separate room.

A Full Return

It is our expectation that all pupils will be in school from April 12th (start of next term).

Covid Testing Request

We are requesting that families get Covid tests in the week prior to their child returning to school.

Pupils attending school must still undertake regular testing even if they have been vaccinated, as they could be carriers of the virus.

We understand that LFD Community Testing Sites are now available for you to use in Southend, Barking & Dagenham, Essex, Havering and Newham.

If you live in Thurrock, it has been agreed that you can obtain a PCR test

To enable the swiftest return to school, we need pupils to have a Community Covid test as follows:

Year 13 between the dates 3 - 5 March

Year 12 between the dates 4 - 6 March

Year 11 between the dates 5 - 7 March

Year 10 - two tests needed. First between the dates 7-9 March AND the second between 11-13 March (ensuring a 3 to 5 day gap)

Year 9 between the dates 12-14 March

Year 8 between the dates 13-14 March

Year 7 between the dates 14-15 March

Every time your child has a new Covid test, it is vital that the outcome (but not a copy of the email/text) is submitted to school (please do not submit past test results in this way).

We have created a Microsoft Form for submitting your child's test result to school. Please complete this with the result each time your child is tested:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=r9Cu3kLVEKS5-CwGrFsg-G6qK-X3CdMv-jA9Eed1cpUQVZTRTYzS0s1Q00zQjNCSEIBTkhOWUJJVS4u>

Please note: no individual should undertake a further test for 90 days after receiving a positive result from a PCR test.

Testing at School

The Local Authority with the support of Public Health has provided a school only Covid testing centre, which is located on the St Thomas More site.

Pupils in school will be taken to get tested so that they can complete the necessary number of tests to help minimize the transmission of the virus.

Once these tests are completed, pupils will be given home testing kits which they should use twice each week (preferably Monday & Thursday). They will also be issued with further kits to see them through the Easter break. Students MUST continue to take these tests during the Easter break and return the results to the school.

It has also been agreed that once pupils have returned to school, they can access the Community Test sites in Southend. Our nearest site is St Aiden's Church Hall on the Fairway. Pupils will be able to go without a parent so long as they take a confirmation of parental consent with them.

If, for any reason, your child cannot undertake the test at home, please let us know so we can assist them to do this at school.

If a pupil produces a positive LFD test, in addition to letting the school know the result, they must obtain a PCR test as soon as possible so as to confirm their positive result.

Parental Consent for Testing at School

My apologies. There was an error in yesterday's form; please can I ask all parents to redo this consent.

To allow in school testing to occur we need parental consent.

Please can you complete this Microsoft Form to provide this:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=_r9Cu3klVEKS5-CwGrFsg-G6qK-X3CdMv-jA9Eed1cpUMINJOEJVMVJQOU1ZU1g5WTZKWIJIVjIPRS4u

Please (re-)complete this asap.

Transport

We understand that CSSE Contract buses will run normally

The local bus companies and train operators are aware that pupils will be returning to schools from March 8th.

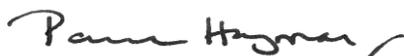
Year 11 and 13 Exams

We know that many pupils in Years 11 and 13 are worried about the need for subject tests at school to help inform the grades that we will be providing to the examination board in place of this year's external examinations.

No test will take place without proper notice, and should we want pupils to undertake an examination on the whole course, we will ensure a minimum of 2 weeks' notice.

Keep safe!

With best wishes,



Dr Paul Hayman
Headteacher