



WESTCLIFF HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

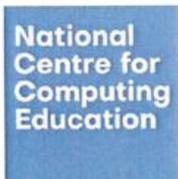
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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are well.



Covid Testing Before Returning to School

We need all pupils and staff to test before returning to school. Our preference is for the test to take place on the evening of Sunday 11th April. This will help to identify, and hence isolate, some positive cases. Moving forward, pupils will need to maintain a twice weekly testing regime.



Reporting the Results of Covid Tests

The result from a LFD Covid test should be reported to school using Testregister. This will also take you to the NHS Test and Trace site where your result should also be reported.



Face coverings in schools and colleges to remain in place

The government has confirmed that face coverings should continue to be worn in secondary school and college classrooms as a precautionary measure when students return after the Easter break. This cautious approach will help limit the risk of transmission and enable continued monitoring of the effect of school and college returns, as twice weekly testing is established and embedded in pupil's routines. The government have stated any changes will be confirmed with one week's notice and all other safety measures will remain in place, including regular asymptomatic testing, smaller group bubbles, increased hygiene, ventilation, and social distancing where possible.



Those who are currently exempt from wearing face coverings will remain so, including pupils or staff who are speaking to or providing assistance to someone who relies on lip reading, clear sound or facial expression to communicate.



Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) Guidance About How GCE and GCSE Grades Will be Awarded This Summer

JCQ have issued Guidance for students, parents and guardians: GCSEs and AS/A Levels in England Summer 2021. This has been sent as a separate attachment to this letter



Travel Bulletin

The latest travel bulletin has been attached to this message. If using public transport, please check bus and train timetables, as many are being revised for Monday so as to provide an increased service.



We look forward to welcoming back all pupils on Monday 12th April 2021.



Take care.

With best wishes,

Dr Paul Hayman
Headteacher

