

Parent Update

19 March 2021



Dear Parents and Carers

Phased Return of Students

It has been wonderful to see our students return to the school this week and the building has started to feel more like a school again. Many have been understandably quite subdued and are finding the smaller classes and the layout of the rooms to be a bit odd, but hopefully this is only for a very short period of time. Your children have been simply outstanding in their attitudes towards keeping to the new restrictions and my thanks go to them and yourselves for showing such a strong united front in keeping everyone safe. They are arriving to school with face coverings, keeping their distance in the building, sanitising their hands regularly and wiping down their work spaces. As and when any of the restrictions change, I will let you know.

S1 Parents' Evening

Bookings have been taking place this week for the S1 virtual parents' evening which takes place on Tuesday 23 March from 4.30 pm to 6.30 pm. If you are experiencing any problems with this, please contact us for some assistance.

LFD Testing

Yesterday I re- issued the information on the roll out of LFD testing to all students from S1-S6, along with a link to the new digital consent form. Those completed have been received and any student who has completed a consent form should now collect their test kits from the school reception office during their Tutor class.

Easter Study Programme

Given the current circumstances, this year there will be no Easter study classes taking place within West Lothian schools. However, students can still access the national study programme digitally and information on how to do this has been shared with senior students via Teams and I would encourage senior students to sign up for this.

I hope that you and your families have a good weekend and remain safe and well.

Pauline Allison
Head Teacher

Reminder of Covid 19 Protocols

As you are aware, with the return of our pupils and staff to school, we have put procedures in to place that support all members of the school community if anyone displays symptoms of Covid 19.

A reminder that the symptoms are:

- High temperature or fever
- A new continuous cough
- A loss of, or change in sense of smell or taste

If a pupil displays symptoms, we will contact you to collect your child (please ensure that we have your most up to date contact details). **Pupils over the age of 16 may return home themselves.** The pupil should, if possible, wear a face covering en route and avoid public transport.

You will be asked to follow Test and Protect and we will provide you with a copy of the Test and Protect Leaflet and Step by Step Guide when your child is collected.

Information on the groups of children within the school, **and on school transport**, and the adults that each group of children come in to contact with will be collected. This is to fulfil legal responsibilities for public health and will allow Test and Protect to contact appropriate people in the event of a positive test result.

If anyone within your household tests positive for Covid 19, please do not send your child to school. Report their absence and the reason for this by calling PSA in the morning.