

1st October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are so pleased at how well all our students have settled back into school, especially in these uncertain times. Many thanks for all your help in this process.

As you know, a key part of our vision that underpins everything we do here at West Lea is “Learning for Life” and our entire curriculum is designed to ensure all our students are equipped with skills to achieve the best possible outcomes, especially the development of key life skills.

As such, as part of their weekly timetable, all our students will be visiting a variety of locations within the local area. This is a key part of the curriculum and as such is essential in giving full access to learning opportunities.

I know this may bring worry, in light of the uncertain circumstances we are living in, but learning outdoors has many educational and health benefits. During this pandemic it provides opportunities to develop student understanding of the current circumstances e.g. “social distancing,” whilst continued access to fresh air. In line with this, it is imperative that we continue to consider how to maximise the amount of time our young people spend outdoors. All educational visits, will be risk assessed taking into considerations key Covid-19 guidance, especially the national “hands, face, space” message. In order to support this, we are asking parents to supply your child with a mask and hand sanitiser, so they can access off site learning.

Yours Faithfully,

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