

1st March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Full reopening of school on Monday 8th March 2021

I hope you are all keeping safe and well.

Following the recent Government announcement, all students will be returning to school on Monday 8th March 2021.

As I have outlined in my previous communications with you, the health, safety, and wellbeing of pupils, staff and the wider school community is at the heart of every decision we make, and we will continue to work hard to keep West Lea School as safe as possible for our community.

One of the key ways that we have been doing this is by the regular testing of our staff and students who have been attending our provision during the recent lockdown. This routine testing has allowed us to rapidly identify a number of positive covid cases in individuals who were asymptomatic, thus breaking the chain of transmission and reducing the spread of infection.

Consent for Lateral Flow Testing at school

Thank you to all of our parents who have responded to give consent for their child to be involved in lateral flow testing. If you have not already given your consent please complete the consent form at the following link: <http://westleaschool.co.uk/covid-19-mass-testing/>

Government Guidance for schools reopening

With reference to students returning to school on 8th March 2021, the most recent government guidance which relates to students from Year 7 upwards states how:

'we strongly encourage all children and young people who are receiving face-to-face education to have the test, wherever it is possible to do so, to help identify asymptomatic positive cases and support appropriate self-isolation to break the chain of transmission' (DFE Guidance Rapid Asymptomatic testing in specialist settings updated 22 February 2021)

There is now **no requirement for students of primary age to be tested.**

Arrangements prior to full reopening of school on 8th March 2021

To facilitate the return to school I am asking for your support by arranging for your child (in Year 7 or above) to be tested at one of our on-site testing centres which is most convenient for you, from **Wednesday 3rd March 2021**, prior to returning to school on 8th March 2021.

Opening Times West Lea School Lateral Flow Testing Centres

	Address	Wednesday 3 rd March	Thursday 4 th March	Friday 5 th March
Haselbury	Haselbury Road Edmonton N9 9TU	8.30am-2.30pm	8.30am-2.30pm	8.30am-2.30pm
Ponders End Library	219-221 High Street Ponders End En3 4DX	8.30am-12pm	8.30am-12pm	8.30am-12pm
Springfield	Springfield Rd New Southgate N11 1RR	8.30am-2.00pm	Test site closed	8.30am-2.00pm
Dysons Rd	174 Dyson's Rd Edmonton N18 2DS	9.00am-2.00pm	9.00am-2.00pm	Test site closed

Alternatively, you may wish to use one of the borough's lateral flow centres which are outlined below:

Lateral Flow Covid Testing Centres Opening times 9am - 6pm:

- Boundary Hall, 7 Snell's Park, London N18 2SY
- Brigadier Hall, Cedar Road, Enfield EN2 0NL
- British Alevi Federation Community Centre, Great Cambridge Rd, London N9 9LE

- Green Towers Community Centre, Plevna Road, Edmonton, N9 0TE
- Kempe Hall, Kempe Road, Enfield, EN1 4QS
- Southgate Library, High Street, Southgate, N14 6BP
- John Wilkes House, 79 High Street, Ponders End, EN3 4EN

Covid Test Results

If you are using one of the Local Authorities testing centres, we would ask that you forward the covid test result notification email or text message to the school enquiries email address at office@westleaschool.co.uk along with details of your child's name and class.

Arrangements for Monday 8th March 2021

Local authority and Public Transport

Local authority transport has been contacted and will collect your child as per the previous arrangements. Students travelling on Local Authority and Public Transport must wear a face covering unless they are exempt.

Breakfast Club and Extra-Curricular Activities

Breakfast Club and After school clubs will not be taking place at the present time.

Face Coverings and Social Distancing

All members of our community aged 11 years and over are asked to wear a face covering at all times, when entering and leaving the building and when circulating around the building. It is recommended that face coverings should be worn in classrooms or during activities unless social distancing can be maintained. This does not apply in situations where wearing a face covering would impact on the ability to take part in exercise or strenuous activity, for example in PE lessons.

Students are therefore required to bring a face covering to school as well as to have a spare face covering in their bag or coat pocket. Lessons will still be taking place in bubbles with appropriate measures in place to maintain social distancing where possible.

Lateral Flow Testing of Students

Any students in Year 7 and above, for whom parental consent for testing has been received and who have not had a Lateral flow test prior to returning to school, will be tested within the first couple of days of returning to school. Students in Year 7 and above will then be tested 2 more times at school over the following 2 weeks before the commencement of home testing; full details of which are due to be issued by the Government in due course.

Reporting of Covid Symptoms

Please ensure that you continue to inform us immediately if your child or any family member displays or tests positive for covid. A reminder of the symptoms to be aware of can be found at this link: <http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>.

Return of Electronic Devices

Please can you ensure that your child brings with them any laptop, Ipad or tablet and accompanying charger which has been loaned to them, when they return to school on Monday 8th March 2021.

The above measures will be in place until Easter and will be kept under constant review. If you have any concerns or questions relating to any of the above, I would very much encourage you to contact us on 0208 807 2656 or email office@westleaschool.co.uk and we will do our very best to support you and your family in these challenging times

I would once again like to take this opportunity to thank you wholeheartedly for your understanding and ongoing support.

Please continue to take care and to stay safe.

Yours Faithfully



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