



# Westfield Primary School

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5<sup>th</sup> March 2021

## Return to School

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are hugely looking forward to welcoming all our pupils back to school next week on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. We are so excited about seeing you all again, it will be great to see the children reunited with their friends and enjoying the rhythm of a normal school day.

Please can we take this time to remind you that if **ANYONE** in your household develops COVID symptoms then everyone must isolate **immediately** until they have had a test and received their results. If your children are already in school when someone develops symptoms they must be collected straight away, (**NOT** by the person with symptoms). If a negative test is received then the children may return to school. If it is positive then you must **all** isolate and follow the guidelines from the NHS.

Many of you may be feeling worried about children missing school during the lockdown. We understand this. Many of you may be asking, "How will they catch up?" Please don't worry about this. It has been an unusual time for all of us and we will make sure that the children quickly re-establish a school routine, and that they have the opportunities to socialise with their friends, play, share, talk to others, listen to others, be collaborative, be creative, be active and of course, learn. While we will be focusing on all of these things when the children return to school, it is important to remember that the most important thing for us is ensuring the children are happy, safe and are developing positive relationships with each other, through friendships and shared experiences. We all need to "catch up" with this too.

When the lock down guidelines are reduced, I'm sure we all look forward to:

- Catching up with friends.
- Catching up with families.
- Catching up with trips to the park.
- Catching up with trips to the zoos, museums, castles etc.
- Catching up with sports clubs.
- Catching up with swimming.
- Catching up with birthday parties.

And so many more.

When we can, these are the things you need to prioritise 'catching up' with, to support your child's emotional wellbeing. Hopefully, this is what we can fill our summer holidays with! Everyone's mental wellbeing is so important and is a high priority for all of us at Westfield.



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Please do not worry about whether your child has 'fallen behind.' We will be supporting all children when they return to school one-step at a time, from there we will build a solid foundation for future learning. We have a recovery curriculum in place to support every child.

**From Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March** we will expect all children to be back in school. Please remember that children are expected to wear their school uniform from Monday to Thursday (excluding their PE days) and their PE uniform on the days they have PE. Please refer to the information sent to you from your child's class teacher as to when their PE days are. All children wear their own clothes (mufti) on Fridays.

From Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March please follow the drop off and pick up times below.

**Drop off:**

8.30am Year R, 1 and 2

8:35am Year 3 and 4 (and children who have siblings in both Key Stages)

8.40am Year 5 and 6

**Pick up:**

2:55pm Year R, 1 and 2

3.05pm Year 3 and 4

3.10pm Year 5 and 6

We wish you a restful and happy weekend and we look forward to seeing all the children on Monday morning!

Stay Safe.

Mrs Karyn Hing  
Headteacher



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