



**Weston CofE (VC) Primary & Nursery
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Dear parent or carer

Following the Prime Minister's announcement on Monday, schools have been told to keep the same Covid-safety arrangements in place until 19th July. This means we will continue to operate the 'bubbles' in school, with staggered start and finish times and we will continue to ask parents to wear face coverings when on the school grounds.

Unfortunately, the unexpected continuation of these arrangements also means that we will not be able to stick to our plans for inviting parents into school for the following events;

- Sports Day – 23rd June – we are now planning how each 'bubble' can have their own separate Sports Day, but no parents will be able to attend
- Transition Day – 8th July – we will adapt our plans for children to spend some time with their teacher for next year, but no parents will be able to attend (individual secondary schools are planning how to adapt their plans for current Year 6 pupils to visit)
- Church Service – 15th July – we are looking into options for a 'virtual' service
- Year 6 Open Morning – 15th July – will have to be cancelled, although we hope that the planned Year 6 Leavers' Assembly on 22nd July will go ahead.

It is disappointing and frustrating for us not to be able to invite parents and carers to these events, but we do have to continue to operate in a Covid-secure manner. This contributes to being able to keep the school open to all pupils, so that they can continue to see their friends, learn and develop – this is the key, as I am sure you would agree.

Please also remember that your child should not attend school if they are unwell in any way. We will ask you to collect your child and take them for a PCR test if they show any symptoms of possible Covid-19 during the day (a new or continuous cough, a change or loss of taste or smell or a temperature). Some Herts schools with recent outbreaks have seen symptoms of sore throats or headaches. Please err on the side of caution, keep your child off school and only bring them back once you are sure they have not got Covid-19 and once they are completely well again. Also please remember that all members of the household need to self-isolate while you are awaiting the result of a PCR test for any household member.

The Public Health team at Hertfordshire County Council has asked us to share the following information with you.

Firstly, we want to thank you for all you are doing to play your part and help protect your school community – you're all doing an amazing job. As we head towards the end of the academic year, let's work together to reduce the number of cases in our nurseries, schools and colleges and make sure less children will need to learn remotely.

Ofsted Inspection Jan 2018 –
'Pupils are confident and self-assured and enjoy their learning.'
'Pupils behave very well.'



We're now at a crucial time in our fight against coronavirus. In line with Monday's Government announcement we're asking everyone to not drop your guard just yet – Covid-19 is still here.

There are simple things you can do right now to continue to protect yourself, your family and your school community:

Remember hands, face, space, fresh air – each school may have different rules around face coverings, but please continue to follow these rules. Also remember that everyone aged over 11 should be wearing a face covering when in indoor venues. If you can still meet outside, please do.

Testing – students in year 7 and above are being provided with a free, regular supply of rapid tests and they should continue to take these twice a week. Parents and carers of children in nursery, school or college should also take regular rapid tests along with the rest of the community, by doing this we can all help to reduce the spread of the virus. You can find your nearest collection site or order online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/rapidtest

Vaccination – please get your vaccine once you are invited to

Please do not send children back into education if they are sick or feel unwell – be cautious.

If you or your child/ren receive a positive result from a rapid test you must begin self-isolating immediately, not attend school and book a confirmatory PCR test.

*If you or your child/ren have symptoms (**new, continuous cough, change or loss of taste or smell or a temperature**) you must self-isolate immediately and book a PCR test at: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>*

If you need help to self-isolate contact HertsHelp for advice and practical help with things like getting food and medicine and accessing financial support. Call 0300 123 4044, email info@hertshelp.net or visit www.hertshelp.net

We know none of this is easy, but if we throw our arms around schools to protect them now, we can all look forward to the summer holidays we're hoping for. Thank you again for helping to keep yourselves and your community safe.

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Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Yours faithfully,

G. Holmes
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