



Westfield Arts College



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Dear Parents and Carers

Please read – important update about school provision

Following the return of a significant number of pupils today it has become clear how complex it really is for us to attempt to be fully open in this time of national lockdown. Our aim was ambitious but we now know it is not sustainable. There is high anxiety about the virus which affects everyone in every area of their lives. The national concern is about the rates of transmission between young people resulting in the closure of schools, and we need to take additional measures to reduce this risk.

We will no longer be able to remain fully open for all pupils. We will continue to offer full time provision in school for our most vulnerable pupils and for those who have a parent who is a critical worker. If your child is safe at home then they should remain at home. We will shortly contact parent carers of those to whom we can offer time in school. Your child should not come into school unless we have contacted you.

It is our aim over the coming weeks to offer some time in school for all pupils, and to do this by identifying a group to be in school one week and then a different group for the following week. In doing this we still need to make sure that we limit the number of pupils in school on any day. We will contact you to provide further information on this once we have made arrangements.

We will also be working on the best way to provide home learning for those remaining at home, and much like before will provide packs and resources on our website.

I am very sorry to have to give you this news after raising your hopes. It will be very frustrating and disappointing for you but I hope that you will understand given the circumstances. It is an incredibly complex situation and we are trying to do the best we can for everyone.

Yours sincerely

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