



Westfield Arts College



21 July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

End of term reminders

Following my letter of last week, I am writing with a couple of reminders. Also attached is an update from Public Health Dorset about the situation with COVID over the summer and for the new term. The main points to remember are:

COVID testing using LFD tests

- The requirement for twice weekly testing of adults and Secondary aged pupils using Lateral Flow Device (LFD) tests is paused over the summer. However, we have sent test kits home and you can continue to test your child if you wish.
- We ask that parent carers of Secondary aged pupils (Year 7 and above) test your child before returning to school on September 6th, so that we can ensure they are negative. We will then test them again twice in that first week.
- Secondary aged pupils will return to home testing in the second week of term. We are all currently being asked to test twice weekly until the end of September, but this will be reviewed and we will update nearer the time.
- A reminder that [LFD tests](#) are only used to test people who don't have any [COVID symptoms](#). If you or your child develop COVID symptoms you must self-isolate and [book a PCR test](#) online or by calling 119. Your household must self-isolate until a PCR result is received.

Isolation

- After 16th August there will be no requirement for children under 18 or people who are fully vaccinated to self-isolate if they have been in contact with a positive case. They will take a PCR test and isolate if it's positive.

Contact tracing

- From the 19th July schools are no longer expected to trace contacts of people who have tested positive for COVID. This will be done through NHS Track and Trace. However, if your child tests positive in the first week of the holiday (up until 30th July) we would like you to let us know so that we can make sure all close contacts are identified. Please use the email address contacttracing@westfield.dorset.sch.uk

School uniform online

We are pleased to let you know that our school uniform is now available to buy online. We are using Price and Buckland as our new suppliers. You will be able to view and order online, make secure payments and have uniform delivered to your home address.

<https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/westfieldarts>



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We do have a limited stock of uniform in school until we run out. Please call the school office on 01305 833518 if you wish to buy any uniform from the current stock before the end of term or if you have any queries.

Non-uniform day on Friday

To celebrate the end of term and start of the holidays pupils can wear their own clothes on Friday. As well as having our end of year assembly online and celebrating achievements, we will be giving them ice creams.

Whatever you do in the summer, we hope you spend an enjoyable time with your families. We look forward to seeing pupils back in school on Monday 6th September.

Best wishes

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