



Welland Park Academy

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Dear Parents / Carers

I am writing, once more, to confirm the revised arrangements for a full return to school. The Prime Minister confirmed yesterday that learning would be delivered remotely to the majority of students until February half term. I will write nearer to this time to confirm the actual return date for our students.

Staff have worked assiduously to complete the arrangements for COVID testing in school. Today, staff and the students on site have been tested using the government issued lateral flow devices (LFDs). We shall continue to routinely test staff and students on site but the mass testing programme for students will be postponed until the lockdown has been lifted.

We await further guidance to confirm the final procedures for the awarding of GCSE grades this summer. I would ask parents not to contact individual staff regarding this matter. Mr Jerred will write to Year 11 parents and update the communications as OfQUAL confirm the procedure for this exam series.

For now, all students should log onto both learning platforms, Edulink and Microsoft Teams. It is good to see already today that attendance is very good. It is important that students find the courage to interact with staff and peers on this forum. If your child is not attending online learning or submitting work as requested, teaching staff will contact parents directly.

We will be issuing a parent survey shortly so you can share your feedback/suggestions regarding online learning. We are looking to glean information to help us develop our provision of online/blended learning. It is important that we continue to work together to ensure good progress for our students despite the current challenges.

Yours sincerely

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