

12th March 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

This first week back has been very busy with students having their Lateral Flow tests. I am pleased to report that no one has tested positive.

A reminder that our website contains all the key information for students returning to school:
<http://weyvalley-academy.co.uk/parents/covid19-information-2021/>

Year 11 Assessments:

A recording of the presentation about Year 11 Summer Assessments is on our website.
<http://weyvalley-academy.co.uk/pupils/year11information/>

We will be providing more information on the work being studied and the assessments very soon.

Attendance

The school attendance has been superb this week, thank you for getting your children to school after such a challenging few months. The academy is required to maintain the overall school attendance level at above 95% and we will be working closely with students and families when an individual student's attendance drops below this level. If you need to speak with anyone about your child's attendance, please contact the Head of Year in the first instance.

Uniform

Please use this link to access full details of our uniform or visit the website:
<http://weyvalley-academy.co.uk/parents/uniform/>

The expectation is that now we are back at school all students must wear the correct uniform. We understand there have been some issues with obtaining certain items of uniform. The School Wear shop is receiving deliveries on a weekly basis. If there is an issue with uniform please contact the Head of Year and we will do all we can to assist.

Some key areas to remember:

- Shoes should be plain black (trainer style are allowed if all black)
- Trousers need to be black, not denim, skin-tight, ¾ length or leggings.
- Students are allowed to wear a plain black sweatshirt or V-neck jumper over their shirt along with their blazer. We will allow coats to be worn in class if very cold weather arrives (as we have windows open for ventilation).
- Hooded tops other than the official school ones or plain navy blue are NOT school uniform neither are sweatshirts with logos.
- Hair should be one natural hair colour.

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As from September, we will implement the uniform changes that the majority of respondents to the survey sent out last term requested.

- Trousers do not need to carry the school logo but do need to be black, not denim, skin-tight, $\frac{3}{4}$ length or leggings.
- We have added a dual use school sweatshirt that can be worn in winter under blazers or as a PE top. The V neck jumper is still an option if you wish.
- The trainer style all black shoes will remain an option.
- We have introduced a school hooded top for PE

PE Lessons and kit

On days when the students have PE we will continue to allow them to attend school in their PE kit, **but it must be school PE kit!** This week it was a bit like a fashion parade and that is not acceptable. Please refer to the weblink above for the PE kit list.

If it helps, we have said that for the remainder of this academic year students can wear the following: a plain black or navy blue sweatshirt or plain black or navy blue sports hoodies. Plain black or blue leggings or plain navy blue or black track suit bottoms. Students should not just be wearing shorts. In class they will need leggings or tracksuit bottoms.

The School Wear shop will be stocking a **new school uniform hooded top** for use in PE these should be available from Easter. They will also stock **black sweatshirts** that can serve a dual use as either a warm PE top or a top that can be worn under blazers on cold days.

After School Clubs

We have restarted after school activities such as sports and arts clubs and teachers will give details to their students and we will publicise via our website soon. There will also be additional sessions after school for Year 11 to support them in working towards their summer assessments.

Cars on Site!

This week we have had parents queuing out onto the Dorchester Road and the congestion within school has been terrible. I ask that students cycle or walk to school where possible. If you do have to drop them off, please do so outside of the school if possible and only come onto the school site if there is no alternative.

Please do not double park or obstruct the flow of traffic through the school. If this continues, additional measures will need to be taken to limit the number of cars accessing the site.

Parents must not enter the staff parking area as students walk across this and I do not want any accidents!

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Lateral Flow Home Test Kits

All students will be provided with a pack of Lateral Flow Tests to be taken at home. Each pack is registered to an individual student. There will be further instructions issued next Tuesday when we will send the kits home with the students.

The guidance is that if your child tests positive at home they should then get a PCR test done at an official test centre to confirm the positive test. If the test centre reports a negative result, then they will be allowed back to school and the family can stop isolating. If positive the family must all isolate for 10 days and follow the Track and Trace advice.

Easter School Meals Vouchers

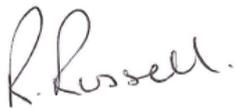
We will be providing vouchers to families who claim Free School Meals during the Easter holiday. If your circumstances have changed and you are now eligible for FSM please do register or contact us for more information. You can also contact us if you are experiencing particular hardship at this time and we will endeavour to assist.

Dorset Council are also able to support anyone who is experiencing any financial difficulties at this time, please follow the link below for more information:

[Help and support for residents \(dorsetcouncil.gov.uk\)](https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk)

I hope you have a good weekend

Yours faithfully



Rob Russell - Principal