



17th January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been a pleasure to welcome our students back this term. Students have returned to school with a positive attitude towards their learning, looking smart and Ready to Learn. We are continuing to instil the 4Rs within our school community and believe these are key to a happy and productive learning environment.

As you will be aware the COVID guidelines are rapidly changing and we will keep you up to date with the latest guidance we receive from the Government and the Department for Education. Please see the following link regarding the latest changes (as of 17.1.22) to the isolation period for positive Covid-9 cases:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/self-isolation-for-those-with-covid-19-can-end-after-five-full-days-following-two-negative-lfd-tests>

There are no changes to the requirements for close contacts:

- double vaccinated adults and under 18s do not need to isolate, and instead take a lateral flow test (LFT) every day for the next 7 days.
- adults who are **not** double vaccinated must isolate for 10 clear days after the day of last contact with a case.

May I also take this opportunity to remind you that the Department for Education have recommended that face coverings are worn by all students, unless exempt, in classrooms to prevent the further spread of COVID. Thank you for your support in ensuring that your child comes to school with a clean face mask.

WCA Punctuality Focus

At WCA we believe that excellent attendance and punctuality are the key to success. This month we are focussing on **punctuality to school and to lessons**. Poor punctuality can have a significant impact on learning. Across a school year, being 5 minutes late per day results in a loss of 3 days learning per year. Our school day starts at **8.40am** and students should be through the school gate at this time. Lessons start at **8.45am**.

During the school day students are encouraged to make their way promptly to each lesson to ensure that they do not miss valuable learning time. All lessons at WCA start with a Do Now activity. The Do Now activity is an integral part to every lesson and is an important part of a student's learning. If a student arrives late after the Do Now has started they will receive a late mark in the register. If your child is repeatedly late to lessons we will inform you, so that you can support us by discussing this at home. Thank you for your support in ensuring your child makes the most out of their learning.

Please also find attached a letter from the CEO of the Arthur Terry Learning Partnership welcoming us to the Trust. We are extremely excited to be part of the Arthur Terry Learning Partnership.

Also attached as a reminder are the term dates for 2021-22.

Sincerely

Headteacher



2021/22 School Terms and Holidays

Term	Details	
Autumn Term 2021	Teacher Training Day:	Friday, 3 rd September 2021
	Term Starts:	Monday, 6 th September
	Teacher Training Day:	Friday, 22 nd October
	Half Term Break:	Monday, 25 th October to Friday, 29 th October
	Term Ends:	Friday, 17 th December
	Christmas Holiday	Monday, 20 th December 2021 to Monday, 3 rd January 2022
Spring Term 2022	Teacher Training Day	Tuesday, 4 th January 2022
	Term Starts:	Wednesday, 5 th January
	Teacher Training Day:	Friday, 18 th February
	Half Term Break:	Monday, 21 st February to Friday, 25 th February
	Teacher Training Day:	Monday, 28 th February
	Term Ends	Thursday, 7 th April
	Teacher Training Day:	Friday, 8 th April
	Easter Holiday:	Monday, 11 th April to Friday, 22 nd April
Summer Term 2022	Term Starts:	Monday, 25 th April 2022
	Half Term Break	Monday, 30 th May to Friday, 3 rd June
	Teacher Training Day:	Monday, 6 th June
	Term Ends:	Friday, 22 nd July
	Disaggregated Teacher Training Day:	Monday, 25 th July