

Woodkirk Academy

&
The Sixth Form @ Woodkirk Academy

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Dear Parent

We hope you had a wonderful Easter break and were able to spend some quality time doing the things you most enjoy as lockdown eased a little more.

We have enjoyed a calm return to the Academy. Students in Year 11 have started to complete the mini assessments that will form part of the evidence we will use to determine qualification grades this summer. Without exception, they should be proud of how they have applied themselves to these so far. Conduct has been excellent and students have remained focused on the task at hand throughout – well done to them for making such a fantastic start. Attendance for these mini assessments has also been very good; thank you to parents for your support in this regard. The first round of mini assessments for students in Year 13 will take place next week and we are certain they will be approached in much the same way.

Guidance was received earlier in the month confirming the Government continue to recommend the use of face coverings in communal areas in which social distancing cannot be observed, including in classrooms for secondary school students. As such, the Academy continues to expect students to wear a face covering, unless exempt, when moving about the site and during lessons. We expect this to be reviewed in line with the next phase of the roadmap out of lockdown.

Since Easter, there has been a slight increase in the number of disposable masks distributed to students who have not brought their own. Where possible please ensure that your son / daughter brings two face coverings to school each day (the second so that it can be exchanged to replace a damp or dirty mask).

There has been much information that we have needed to communicate to you during the pandemic. As such, we have written on a weekly basis to you during term time. We feel that now is the time to return to the weekly e-newsletter as our main means of communication and will write directly to you as and when there are significant changes or information. If you have not signed up to the e-newsletter and wish to receive it, please email woodkirkreception@woodkirkacademy.com.

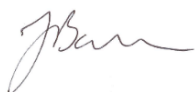
Students who are using the LFD home tests should have sufficient for the time being and more will be distributed in the weeks ahead. We will continue to complete close contact tracing should any member of the school community test positive for COVID-19. The systems in place at school remain unchanged and are summarised on the flow charts [here](#) and [here](#), which have been produced by Leeds City Council.

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You will have received the letter on Tuesday sent on behalf of West Yorkshire Police. We kindly request that parents who are dropping off or collecting their children do so in a manner that ensures the safety of pedestrians and shows due courtesy to our neighbours. We thank you for your support with this matter.

The slightly warmer weather has been very welcome this week and the forecast for the weekend is favourable. We hope you are able to make the most of this.

Yours sincerely

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Mrs J Barton
Principal

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T Jones', written in a cursive style.

Mr T Jones
Associate Principal