

13th July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

As the term draws to a close I would like to say thank you to you all for your support and kind messages over the last year. The messages have helped staff remain buoyant in the face of constant change and uncertainty. Our students have demonstrated their resilience and positivity – we are all extremely proud of them. September will hopefully bring some normality.

Return to school – September

Students returning to school in September will need to take two lateral flow tests on site, similar to when they returned in March. We have therefore changed the starting date for students to allow us time to test everyone.

The starting dates for students are as follows:

Friday 3rd September - Year 7 and 12 only

Monday 6th September -Year 13, 11 and 10

Tuesday 7th September -Year 8 and 9

If you have already given consent we will go ahead with testing on site. If you have not, we will be in touch to request consent.

Staffing update

We say goodbye to the following staff and would like to thank them for their hard work and commitment to EWS.

We wish them well in their future endeavours:

Ms Jeffrey - English

Mrs Healy - English

Mr Barrett – Assistant Head

Ms Kimber- Food

Ms Acres - DT

Ms Wilkinson - Science

Mrs Meneely - Science

Mr Cowley - English

Mrs Wright – Cover teacher

We are very pleased to welcome the following teachers:

Ms Sehra – Maths

Mrs McGarry – Science

Mrs Hurdle – Science

Mr Owusu – Science

Mr Chikobvu – Science

Mrs Rebeiro – English

Mrs Begum – English

Mrs Wagjiani – DT

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Mrs Panchal – Food
Miss James - Maths and PE
Mr Coram - IT Network Manager

In addition Mrs Claire Wright, who many of you will already know, has been appointed as our Special Education Needs Co-ordinator. Mr Rob Peskett has been appointed to the senior team to lead on Teaching and Learning.

Covid Guidance – Step 4

I am attaching some guidance taken from the Government website with regards to what step 4 looks like in schools and what EWS will be doing. The guidance can be found on:

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2021/07/06/parents-pupils-teachers-and-students-find-out-what-step-4-of-the-covid-roadmap-means-for-you/>

From September our Sixth Form students will return to full time working on campus, they are expected to attend school each day from 8:45am to 3:05pm.

Results Days

Results days take place on Tuesday 10th August for GCE (AS, A Levels) and other Level 3 qualifications, and Thursday 12th August for GCSE and other Level 1/2 qualifications.

Unfortunately this year we will not be able to invite you in to collect your results. Results will be available on the student account on Go4Schools from 08:30 on your relevant results day. Please make sure you have your login details available ahead of time. Results will be available on parent accounts towards the end of each day.

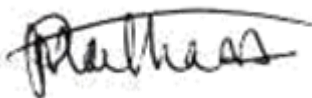
Despite not being able to come into school, we will have a team of staff available to support you on results days for your next steps. More details will follow in emails to students prior to results days so make sure you check these. If you have any queries or concerns please ring school on 01604 862125 on results day or email results21@ewsacademy.org.uk and we will be happy to support you through these days.

Enrolment into the Sixth Form

Sixth Form enrolment will take place virtually on GCSE results day, Thursday 12th August. We will be writing to Year 11 students shortly with more information about this. Help, support and guidance will be available to all students collecting results on both GCSE and A Level results days.

I hope you all have a great summer break and look forward to welcoming our students back in September.

Yours sincerely



Sharan Matharu
Headteacher

Secondary schools and colleges

Will secondary age pupils at schools and colleges have to stay in bubbles?

No. Secondary school and college students won't have to stay in bubbles. At EWS year 7's will remain in a bubble for the first term.

What about face coverings?

Face coverings are no longer recommended in education settings. Headteachers may still wish to recommend pupils wear them and pupils themselves remain free to wear face coverings if they decide to. Staff and visitors are free to wear a face covering in communal areas if they wish to. It may be the case that, in the event of a significant outbreak, face coverings in schools will again be recommended. At EWS we will still allow students and staff to wear face coverings if they wish to. If there is an outbreak of COVID we will encourage all students and staff to return to wearing masks.

What happens to testing for all staff, secondary and college students?

Over the summer all staff, secondary school and college students should continue to test and report results online. You can test during the summer by ordering your free rapid Covid-19 tests online nhs.uk/GetTested, or by picking them up at pharmacies.

You will continue to receive tests if you're attending summer schools, out of school activities based on education sites and settings that do not operate on a term time basis. In these cases, staff and students should continue to test twice weekly at home and it is important test results are reported regardless of whether they are positive, negative or void.

This autumn asymptomatic testing will resume in secondary schools and colleges - including two tests in person on return – and continue until the end of September with a review at that point. It means apart from tests taken in person on the return to school, pupils will be expected to carry on testing themselves twice a week using LFD tests obtained online, through their school/college or via their local pharmacy. At EWS there will be a staggered start to term to allow students to be tested on site.

What if there is a positive case in a secondary school or college?

From 16 August, children under the age of 18 years old will no longer be required to self-isolate if they are contacted by NHS Test & Trace as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case. Instead, children will be contacted by NHS Test & Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. 18-year-olds will be treated in the same way as children until 4 months after their 18th birthday to allow them the opportunity to get fully vaccinated.

What things will be staying the same?

Guidance on hygiene measures, cleaning keeping classrooms well ventilated will remain, as will local contingency measures if there are significant outbreaks. These may require greater levels of isolation and community testing. At EWS all rooms will have hand sanitiser and cleaning materials. Rooms will be ventilated.

What if my child is clinically extremely vulnerable?

Pupils who are clinically extremely vulnerable should attend school and college including out-of-school settings.

If you are a parent or student and feeling are anxious about attendance, you should speak to your education setting about your concerns and discuss whether any accommodations can be made to ensure that your child can regularly attend school.

Where a pupil or student is unable to attend because they are complying with clinical or public health advice, their school or college will be to be able to offer them access to remote education. [If you have any concerns about this please contact Mr Brennan or Miss Gilligan.](#)