



Whitefield

Schools

A member of
Whitefield Academy Trust

Friday, 26th February 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Wider school opening

As you are aware, earlier this week the prime minister announced that all pupils should return to school on Monday 8th March. The Government are very clear that full-time attendance from Monday, 8th March 2021 is mandatory, not voluntary, as it has been since January.

We have been steadily increasing the numbers of pupils in school since the last lockdown and we look forward to welcoming pupils back on the 8th.

It is reassuring to note that the number of positive C19 cases (for staff and pupils) has continued to decline in recent weeks. The incidence of cases in Waltham Forest has declined significantly and are now well below 100 in 100,000 people. Many of our staff have now received their first vaccine as well.

The safety of our pupils and staff is our priority and we will continue to review the effectiveness of our safety measures. We have offered lateral flow testing to staff and we are working with the Local Authority to continue to make this available and accessible to staff. As ever, we follow the guidance provided by Public Health and the Department for Education and work very closely with our colleagues from the London Borough of Waltham Forest.

We want to support pupils and families with settling back in to a 'normal' school day. The Head of your child's school will contact you this week to discuss arrangements for your child's return to school on the 8th March.

We are working very closely with transport to ensure the pupils are transported safely. There are bound to be changes to the bus schedule on the 8th. Transport will contact you in advance.

If you have any queries or concerns please contact your child's Head of School for a discussion. Steph and Lesley in the Family Support Team are also available to answer any questions.

Thank you for your remarkable support during this very difficult period.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Evelina Dimopoulou
Vice Principal