



# Great Wyrley Academy

**A part of the Windsor Academy Trust**

Headteacher: Mr Ian Moreton, BSc Hons, NPQH FCCT

Hall Lane  
Great Wyrley  
Staffordshire  
WS6 6LQ

Tel: 01922 419311

Email:  
[info@greatwyrley.windsoracademytrust.org.uk](mailto:info@greatwyrley.windsoracademytrust.org.uk)

Website:  
[greatwyrley.windsoracademytrust.org.uk](http://greatwyrley.windsoracademytrust.org.uk)

Twitter: [@wyrleyacademy](https://twitter.com/wyrleyacademy)

Company registration no: 07523436  
Place of registration: England

Ref:mne/gwaadmin/Headteacher's end of half term

23 October 2020

## Headteacher's End of Half Term Letter

Dear Parents / Carers

Looking back on the past eight school weeks, I feel extremely proud of the way the whole school community - the students, staff and parents/carers – have adapted to the new restrictions, protocols and procedures that we have had to implement as a result of Covid-19. There have been challenges along the way; none more so than welcoming 500+ young people back into our school daily. The students have been superb throughout the half term and have adjusted to the changes better than we could ever have hoped for.

As you will be aware we have had some cases of Covid-19 amongst our community during the half term. Whenever these are reported to us we have protocols that we have to follow. Upon reporting the case to Public Health England (PHE) and the Department for Education, we are advised by them, based on the latest scientific information. For all of our reported cases we have been advised to get students to self-isolate who have been in the proximity of the affected student. This means PHE are not asking us to isolate the whole of a year group bubble.

After half term we are continuing with our arrangements with a staggered start and end to the school day and with students remaining in year group zones, with a Head of Year overseeing each bubble. This will ensure that we are able to act upon PHE advice swiftly and efficiently should the need arise.

Students should continue to play their part in keeping everyone safe by conducting themselves in a socially responsible manner on the way to and from school, following appropriate social distancing, wearing face masks on public transport and when entering shops, as well as behaving maturely and appropriately when in school.

### Remote Learning

Building on the success from last academic year, every subject in every year group has remote learning set up on Google Classroom and students have had 'homework' set this way this half term. Should the need ever arise to self-isolate or lockdown in the future, students will have continuity in their learning using this valuable resource.



## Uniform

Students have taken a great deal of pride in their appearance this year. We have seldom had issues with school uniform. In particular, I have been delighted with the shoes and with the lack of hoodies.

As we move into winter can I please insist that students wear school-issue jumpers and a coat if necessary. Hoodies – even the PE hoodie – are not to be worn under blazers.

For clarification on what is / isn't permitted visit <https://greatwyrley.windsoracademytrust.org.uk/uniform/>

## PE kit

We have a very specific PE kit which looks incredibly smart. As the weather gets colder there is a range of colder weather items specific to our PE kit which are permitted. Again please see the uniform website link for what is allowed. Incorrect PE kit will result in a student being sanctioned.

After half term there are two significant changes to the arrangements so far this academic year.

Firstly, all students, on days that they have PE, must wear their school blazer over the top of their PE kit. This is the only time that the PE hoodie can be worn under the blazer.

Secondly, Year 7, 8 and 9 students must wear their PE kit to school on the days that they have the double and the single period of PE. This is a change to the arrangements for the first half term.

## Parking

Please be aware of the restrictions outside the school main gates in Hall Lane. Following some complaints from local residents we have had an increased presence from council traffic enforcement officers. The reason the yellow lines and parking restrictions are in place are for the safety of the students.

## Reporting Positive Covid-19 cases

We wouldn't normally expect parents / carers to report student illness during holidays. We are, however, now obliged to provide test and trace information to Public Health England about new Covid-19 cases.

Should your child test positive for Covid-19 over the half term holiday can you please report it via email to [info@greatwyrley.windsoracademytrust.org.uk](mailto:info@greatwyrley.windsoracademytrust.org.uk)

Finally, I just want to say thank you for your continued positive engagement during this first half term. The students and staff have been brilliant in how they have approached the new systems and protocols in school, but it wouldn't work without your support.

Yours sincerely



Ian Moreton  
Headteacher