



The COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL *Leftwich*

Achieving Excellence

Principal Mr M Snelson BSc (Hons), PGCE, MSc

September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Joyous and Rewarding Start to the Year

We are three weeks into the new term and I have been impressed by the way my students have returned to school and embraced the many Joyous and Rewarding experiences provided for them by my hard working and talented teachers and caring support staff.

At lunchtimes and after school many students are taking part in our varied enrichment offer. Students are: starting to perform in drama club; sharing their talents in the many music and sporting activities; competing with their friends in the Warhammer and Board Game Club, developing their coding skills in the Robotics club and planning for a greener and sustainable future in the Eco-Society to name just a few of the activities on offer. Please follow the link below for more information. Students should speak to the member of staff offering the club for further details or turn up and give it a go.

http://leftwichhigh.com/enrichment/enrichment_autumn_2021.pdf

Achieving Excellence

Students who participate in one of our enrichment activities will be awarded Achieving Excellence points. It has been fantastic to see so many students being awarded these points for a variety of reasons, not least consistently providing a positive contribution to their lessons. Students should keep up with the hard work and dedication, demonstrating that they are:

- Ready to Learn
- Respectful and Safe
- and Embracing Opportunities.

The rewarding experience of being presented with a bronze, silver, gold and even platinum badge will follow as well as developing their:

- Knowledge and Skills
- Character
- and Creativity and Imagination.

Open Evening and Information Evenings

I am delighted to be able to host an in-person Open Evening on the 23rd September for any Year 6 student who is considering becoming a County High School Leftwich student in September 2022. There are two events on the same evening and Year 6 students have been invited to one of them as per the links below:

http://leftwichhigh.com/documents/Year%206/Open_Evening_Invitation_2021.pdf



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http://leftwichhigh.com/documents/Year%206/Open_Evening_Info.pdf

Unlike previous years, in order to minimise numbers in the building at any one time, we are only able to host Year 6 students and up to two parents/carers. *Please note Thursday 23rd September is a training day in school where students will not attend.*

We are planning in-person Information Evenings for each year group, where students and their parents/carers are invited into school to find out how students can achieve academic and personal excellence and more about the Joyous and Rewarding experiences on offer.

The dates and times for these evenings are below. More information will be shared prior to each event.

All Information Evenings start at 18:00	
Year 7	7th October
Year 8	11th November
Year 9	17th March
Year 10	18th November
Year 11	14th October

Uniform

I'd also like to thank the vast majority of parents/carers for supporting us with our uniform standards. We have noticed an improvement in uniform standards and more students are looking ready to learn. However, I'd also appreciate your support in reminding your child that skirts must be no more than 10cm above the knee. We will continue to remind students of this and our other uniform expectations in school. Please follow the link below for more details of our uniform expectations <http://leftwichhigh.com/uniform-guidelines.html> .

We are beginning the process of reviewing our uniform. This is a lengthy and detailed process where we will make sure we listen to students and parents/carers before making any changes.

Parking and dropping off/picking up via car

Finally, we would like to trial a new routine for those parents/carers who pick up and drop off their child at the start and the end of the day. We would like to trial a one-way system from the top of Dunham Road. Instead of turning right towards the school, parents/carers will turn left, then right onto Fairfield Road and then right onto Ellesmere Road where parents/carers park/stop and students exit or enter the car. Students are then to walk to school, crossing the Old Hall Road side of Ellesmere Road. Parents/carers can then turn right on to Granville Road at the top of Ellesmere Road as they leave the area. Please see the attached map for details.

We will monitor how these new arrangements work. It is hoped it will stop the issues of cars meeting coming both ways, which, at times has caused gridlock, particularly when a bus is coming the other way.

To further help reduce the amount of traffic, could parents/carers please encourage students to walk or cycle (safely, wearing a helmet) to school or drop off/ pick up further away from the site.

Many thanks for your support with this.

As we move through the autumn term there are many more Joyous and Rewarding experiences to look forward to and we will continue to share these on [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#), [Facebook](#) and on our [Website](#).

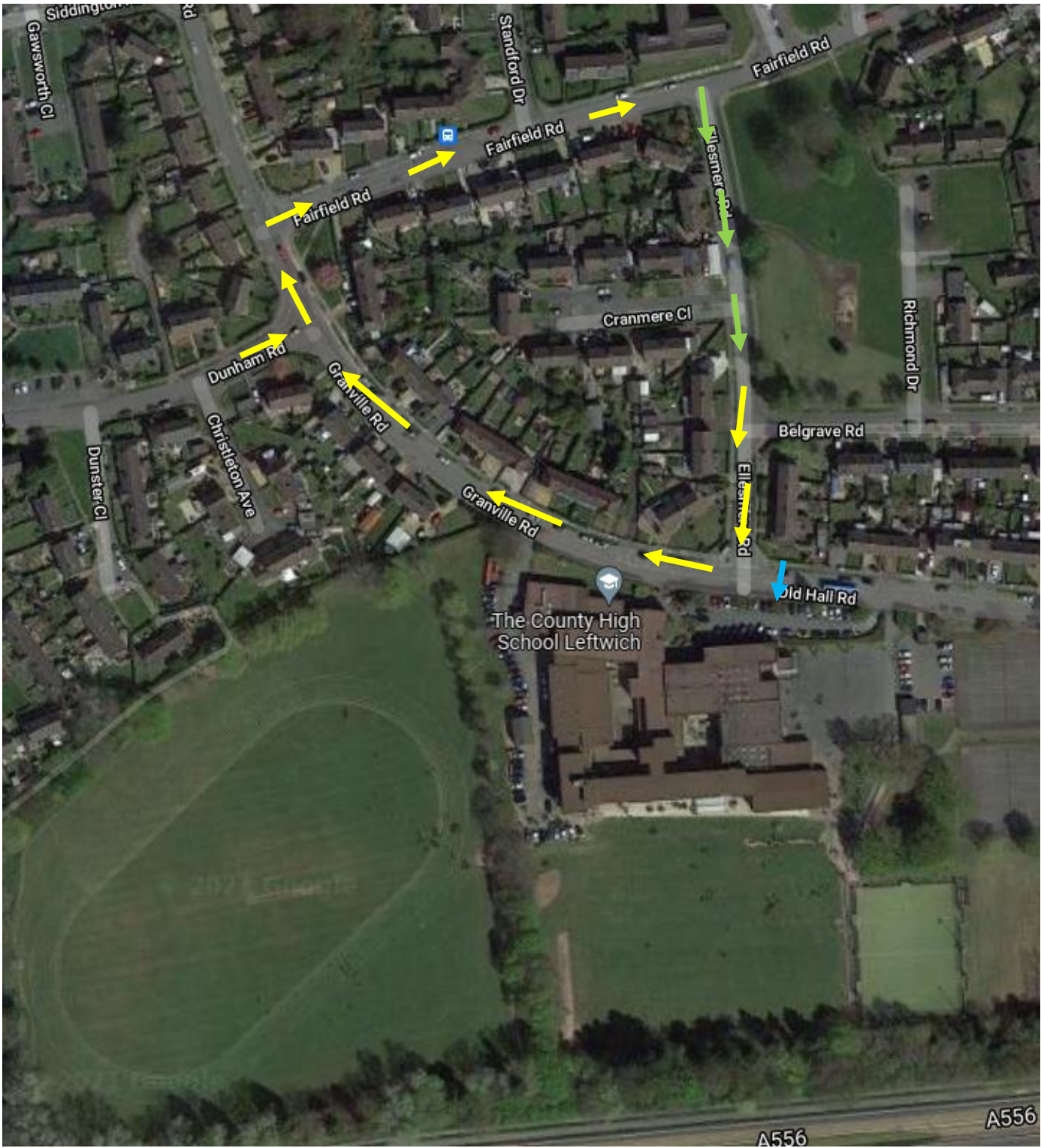
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-  Student drop off and pick up area
-  Student crossing



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For Reference Current Arrangements and Procedures

Student Entrances at the Start of the Day

Year 7	Entrance by the Canteen
Year 8	Entrance by the Canteen
Year 9	Service Drive Entrance (near MFL)
Year 10	A15/B17 Door
Year 11	PE Doors

School Day (all students start at 08:45 and finish at 15:20)

Tutor Time	08:45
Period 1	09:15
Period 2	10:15
Break	11:15
Period 3	11:35
Lunch	12:35
Period 4	13:20
Period 5	14:20
Canteen open from 8am Library open until 16:30 (Mon-Thurs), 16:00 (Fri)	

Food Serving Areas

Year 7 and 8	Study Zone	Cold food/grab and go
Year 9, 10 and 11	Gym	Cold food/grab and go
All year groups	Canteen	Hot food

School Uniform

Full school uniform should be worn every day.

[Uniform and Equipment reminder](#)

[Uniform Information - from website](#)

PE Kit

Students are to come to school in their full uniform. On the days they have PE they will get changed into their PE kit.

One-way System

We will continue with our one-way system to help with the safe movement around the building.

Behaviour Expectations

We expect students to:

- Be **ready to learn**
- Be **respectful and safe**
- **Embrace opportunities**

Please find a link to our Behaviour for Learning policy below, which **clearly identifies our expectations and the consequences if these expectations are not met**

http://leftwichhigh.com/documents/Policies/behaviour_for_learning.pdf



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COVID Control Measures

- 1. Ensure good hygiene for everyone.**
 - continue to encourage washing of hands with soap and water
 - Hand sanitiser continues to be available at various points in the building
 - Tissues continue to be available and should be disposed of in bins
- 2. Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes**
 - regularly touched surfaces will be cleaned more often
- 3. Keep occupied spaces well ventilated**
 - windows and doors are kept open wherever possible
- 4. Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID (see below).**

Students must not attend school if they:

1. have any of the **symptoms of COVID**, in which case they should book a PCR test <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>
2. have received a **positive LFD test result for COVID**, in which case they should book a PCR test and continue to isolate until the PCR result is received
3. have received a positive PCR test result for COVID
4. are required to **quarantine** <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/red-amber-and-green-list-rules-for-entering-england>
5. have been told to **isolate** by NHS Test and Trace

Close contacts of COVID positive people no longer need to isolate as long as they:

- are fully vaccinated
- are under 18 and 6 months
- have taken part in or are currently taking part of an approved COVID vaccine trial
- are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Close contacts will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace and advised to get a PCR test and/or isolate. Unless told to isolate they are able to continue to come to school whilst they wait for the result.

Asymptomatic COVID Testing

- For students/staff where consent has been granted, continue to test twice weekly in the home, following the initial two on-site tests
- Where consent has been granted, students under 12 should be tested by an adult, in the home
- Results (positives and negatives) should be uploaded to <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>
- If a student or member of staff has a positive test with the home testing kits, a PCR test should be booked via <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>. They should not attend school

Face Coverings on Public Transport

The government expects and recommends people continue wearing a face covering on public transport

