



# *The* COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL *Leftwich*

Achieving Excellence

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

Dear Parent/Carer,

November 2021

After a busy four weeks since the half-term break and as we look forward to the festive period, I wanted to update you on a number of areas.

### **COVID Measures**

Due to consistently low numbers of students and professionals reporting positive COVID cases, from Monday (29<sup>th</sup> November) students, professionals and visitors will not be required to wear a face covering in the building. This is following communications with the Cheshire West and Chester public health team. Should students, professionals and/or visitors wish to continue to wear a mask in the building they are welcome to do so.

As the weather gets colder we would like to remind students of the importance of wearing a base layer, under their uniform. We will continue to keep the windows open, wherever possible, balancing the need for increased ventilation with maintaining a comfortable temperature. We will continue to keep all measures under review.

### **Christmas Events**

We are busy planning for a number of Christmas events, which, providing COVID case numbers remain low, we are delighted to be able to hold in-person, in the most part, albeit with restrictions in place.

In particular, as [shared via a letter](#) earlier this week, on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 18:00 we will be holding a Carol Service at St Wilfrid's Church, Davenham. I am extremely grateful to Reverend Iveson who is welcoming us into the Church. I know this will be a fantastic curtain raiser to the festive season.

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December is our Christmas Music Concert in the school hall, starting at 19:00. This event will be another opportunity for our musicians to share their talents. The event will be at reduced capacity. Details of how to obtain tickets have been shared with the musicians' families in the first instance and will be shared more widely should there be capacity to do so.

Both the Carol Service and the Christmas Concert will stay under review regarding the restrictions on them and whether or not they go ahead in person. We very much hope they both will.



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The Senior Citizens' Christmas Event this year will involve our Year 11 students delivering gifts to local Senior Citizens. Thank you to all those families who have donated gifts and well done to Year 11 for organising this.

There will also be lots of opportunities for students, along with their form tutors to contribute to the festivities in school by taking part in activities, including decorating their form rooms. I look forward to seeing the creative and imaginative decorations as they bring a little sparkle to our classrooms and corridors.

Christmas lunch will be on sale in the Canteen on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December.


Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December is a non-uniform day. We are requesting donations, which will be used for future Senior Citizens' Christmas Events. Students may wish to join teachers and support staff in wearing a Christmas jumper. Money raised by teachers and support staff will be donated to Save the Children.

### Alumni

We have recently launched our Alumni scheme to focus on sharing success. Should any former student wish to share where they are now, please email details as described in the blank template below to [admin@leftwichhigh.com](mailto:admin@leftwichhigh.com). We will share these role models via our social media channels and in school display.

We are interested in finding out about former students from whichever version of the school they attended, whether that be Northwich County Grammar School for Girls from 1957, Leftwich High School from 1978 when the school became a comprehensive school for girls and boys or the current version, The County High School Leftwich as we became known in the early 1990's.

We are looking forward to finding out where students' journeys, post The County High School Leftwich, have taken them!

<p>Name:</p> <p>Job Title:</p> <p>The County High School Leftwich: from - until</p> <p>Qualifications:</p> <p>Current Role:</p> 	<p>PHOTO</p>
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### Student Tracking and Interventions

Congratulations to students in Year 9, 10 and 11 for the mature and dedicated attitude they brought to their Student Tracking exams. Students displayed a commitment to their studies and I'm sure many will be delighted with the results when they receive them in the coming weeks. The most important outcome of the Student Tracking exams is for us to find out what students know and more importantly



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what they don't know. We will then design and implement bespoke interventions to get the students to where they need to be. I'm sure Year 7 and 8 students will be equally as focussed on their Student Tracking tests in the coming weeks.

Year 11 will have a mock results event on 6<sup>th</sup> December, where they will receive their projected grades. Full Year 9 and 11 reports will be published prior to Christmas. Year 7, 8 and 10 students' reports will be published following the break.

Congratulations to those students who are embracing the after-school tutoring from across Year 7-11. Very impressive prioritisation of their studies. Thank you to the colleagues who are delivering this.

### **Parent/Carer Survey**

Thank you to those Year 7, 8, 10 and 11 parents/carers who responded to the parent/carers survey. Initial analysis of the 157 responses so far shows:

- 99% of parents/carers would recommend the school to another parent
- 94% strongly agree or agree that their child is happy in school (96% when including neutral responses)
- 98% strongly agree or agree that their child is safe in school (99% when including neutral responses)
- 85% strongly agree or agree that the school makes its pupils behave (94% when including neutral)
- 88% strongly agree or agree that their child does well at this school (99% when including neutral)

Parents/carers in Year 9 will be forwarded the survey following their Information Evening on the 15<sup>th</sup> March 2022. We will use the responses to help make the school even better.

### **Achieving Excellence**

Congratulations to the 164 students across Year 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, who were awarded their Achieving Excellence Bronze badge at the start of November. I was delighted to see so many students embracing the joyous and rewarding experiences my colleagues have been providing and will continue to provide.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mr Snelson



Principal



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### For Reference: Current Arrangements and Procedures

#### Student Entrances at the Start of the Day

Year 7	Main Reception Entrance
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](http://leftwichhigh.com/documents/Policies/behaviour_for_learning.pdf)



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## COVID Control Measures

1. **Ensure good hygiene for everyone**
  - a. Continue to encourage washing of hands with soap and water
  - b. Hand sanitiser continues to be available at various points in the building
  - c. Tissues continue to be available and should be disposed of in bins
2. **Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes**
  - a. regularly touched surfaces will be cleaned more often
3. **Keep occupied spaces well ventilated**
  - a. 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 cases 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.



**Household Contacts** - if one individual in a household tests positive, any children and young people in that household who attend school or college should:

- Take a PCR test (ideally on Day 3-5 after first exposure), and
- Take a **daily LFD test for 10 consecutive days** from the date of first exposure
- **Continue to attend school** provided that their test results (**PCR and LFD**) are **negative**
- **Self-isolate for 10 full days** from the date of the test if any of their test results are positive
- In the event of a **positive LFD** test result, obtain a confirmatory **PCR test**
- If the confirmatory **PCR test** is taken within the **two days** following the **positive LFD result and PCR result is negative, the young person can return to school/college.**
- In the case of other contacts (identified by NHS Test and Trace), we will continue to advise on any additional testing measures on a case-by-case basis.

LFD Test Kits are available:

- From school or college
- Online Order coronavirus (COVID-19) rapid lateral flow tests - GOV.UK ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk))
- From community pharmacies Regular rapid lateral flow coronavirus (COVID-19) tests - NHS [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)
- From certain Cheshire West and Chester Council test sites
  - Stanney Oaks Leisure Centre, Ellesmere Port
  - The Dingle Centre, Winsford
  - Pop up mobile testing unit
  - Libraries: Northwich, Neston, Frodsham and Ellesmere Port and the mobile library service

Venues for the mobile testing units and opening times for all Cheshire West and Chester Services are available at Testing without symptoms [www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/](http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/)

### 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



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### Face Coverings

- Students, professionals and visitors are welcome to wear a face covering.
- The government expects and recommends people continue wearing a face covering on public transport.



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