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Dear parent/carer,

I hope you are all well and coping in these difficult times. We are now in February and heading to half-term. Currently what we are told is that on the 22nd February the Prime Minister will outline more details about moving out of lockdown. In school we are provisionally working towards the 8th of March, but we have no more details than that. As soon as we do, I'll update you all.

When we do return the model for school will be much as before, and as we had intended for Jan 4th. We would like a really positive start back, as I know that this period has been very tough for everyone. Whilst there is real value in remote learning, it cannot replace the experience of day to day school.

In school we are painting, tidying and getting the site looking as good as possible to welcome the students back. Please can I ask you to look at whether the students will be ready? Have they got the equipment they will need? Do they have uniform and shoes appropriate for school **that fit?** Have they got a PE kit ready for the return? Have they got a decent black or navy outdoor coat? If not can I suggest that that would be useful to get in place during half-term. This process has been so difficult for them, we would like them to be warmly welcomed back. Therefore issues around uniform and equipment could sour what should be a lovely return. If you have any questions then please either get in touch with the appropriate Head of Year or refer to the uniform page on the website. [Westfield Academy School Uniform](#)

I also thought it might be nice to show you that despite us "being closed" a lot has been going on here.

As with all schools we have been open to children of keyworkers and vulnerable students. On average we have had 35 students each day. They have been based in computer rooms or in the library, doing their "live" lessons and school work. They have been supported by a range of staff

coming in on a rota. All the safety measures are still in place, regarding, masks, distancing and sanitising.



We have also, like all schools, set up as a test centre for the lateral flow tests. This has allowed for regular on-site testing of staff and students. Currently we are expecting this model to roll out to all students, on their return, however as with all our plans, we'll await further government guidance and then get in touch.

Best wishes to you all and all your families, I'll write more during the week beginning 22nd Feb.

Look after yourselves and stay safe

Tim Body  
Headteacher

