

24 March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

We have now completed our in school testing programme. We have conducted 1769 tests across 7 year groups, and I would like to thank our testing teams for the superb job that they have done in completing this work so efficiently and successfully. Students who have completed three tests in school will now be supplied with their home testing kits. We ask that these are completed on Wednesdays and Sundays at home and the results uploaded to this link; '[Report a Covid 19 rapid LFT Result](#)' and that you then [click here](#) to register the result on the school website. Please continue to use the tests during the Easter holidays and upload the results in the same way. A reminder that families can collect home testing kits from testing centres for other members of the household, to find a collection point [click here](#). Should a result be positive with the self-testing kit at home, you should [order a confirmatory PCR test](#) at a local testing site to confirm the result. Should a positive result be confirmed please also report this to the school via covid19@jws.bham.sch.uk.

Can I please remind you that any person with symptoms such as a new persistent cough, high temperature or loss of sense of smell or taste must not attend school. Please follow the [national guidelines for self-isolation and testing](#) for the person with symptoms and the members of the household.

Uniform

Due to the national lockdown, we are aware that students may have outgrown certain items of school uniform and purchasing new items may have been more challenging than normal. It is for this reason that we have taken a more lenient and sensible approach to uniform however, we request that all parents and carers support the high standards of the school by ensuring that your child is dressed in line with the school dress code. We will expect all students to be in the correct school uniform by Monday 19 April 2021 at the absolute latest. This is the first day back after the Easter holidays and will give parents and carers a further month to source, purchase and allow for delivery if necessary, any replacement items of clothing. Uniform checks will take place on Monday 19 April 2021 and we will be making contact home for any students whose uniform does not adhere to the school's uniform policy. Uniform can be ordered online from [Uniform Hub](#). If purchasing uniform presents a problem, please contact your child's Head of Year directly to discuss a solution.

We would like to remind parents and carers of children in Year 7 -10 of the following:

- Footwear must be 100% black
- Trousers must be loose fitting and full length and must not be leggings or lycra type material.
- Skirts should be of a reasonable length
- White shirts must be tucked in
- Hoodies and sweatshirts cannot be worn under blazers
- The JWS tie must be clipped on at the top of the shirt
- On the day that you child has PE, please ensure that your child is wearing the correct PE attire; students can only wear black tracksuit bottoms, leggings or jogging bottoms, JWS PE fleeces, a JWS school jumper or a school blazer. Hoodies must not be worn.

Please [click here](#) for further information.

Hair & Jewellery

We would like to remind all students that **hair must be a natural colour**; if your child has dyed their hair to an unnatural colour, please ensure this is washed out by Monday 19 April 2021. Students who chose to wear earrings, must only wear one studded earring in each ear; multiple earrings in each ear or hooped earrings are strictly prohibited. Nose studs are also not allowed.

Mobiles phones and electronic devices

We would like to remind all parents and carers that whilst students are allowed to bring mobile phones onto the school site, mobiles must be switched off and in bags; they must not be on the person e.g., in blazer or trouser pockets. If mobiles phones are seen or heard by staff, then we reserve the right to confiscate the item where it will be placed into the school safe for collection at the end of the day. If this is a recurring problem, then parents or carers will be required to collect the phones at the end of the school day. This also applies to earphones/ear buds. We would also like to actively discourage parent or carers from trying to contact or receiving contact from a child in school via a mobile phone, if the child is seen using a mobile phone device, the item will be confiscated as explained above. Should you need to contact your child please do so via the school office. If your child needs to contact you, they can do so via student reception if needed.

We thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Mrs T Peters
Headteacher