

June 2024

Dear Parent/Carers,

I am writing to inform you that on Wednesday 24th July, our last day of term, the school will be closing to all students at 12.30pm. The school bus pick-up has also been arranged for this time. The canteen will be open as normal at break time allowing students to purchase hot food and snacks. Please also note that the main reception will be closed to all visitors from 1.00pm.

Here is a timeline of the plans for the start of the new academic year;

Monday 2nd September

INSET day – School closed to all students

Tuesday 3rd September

INSET day – School closed to all students

Wednesday 4th September

8.20am Year 7 ONLY (roll call on tennis courts)

9.30am Years 8-11 (roll call on tennis courts)

The bus drop off will be 9.15am

Bus service will resume back to normal collection time from 5th September.

(Normal bus timetable can be found on our website)

Northam - Weston Secondary School

Monday to Friday (except Public Holidays)

Service No	757
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Northam Road (Princes Street)	0850
Northam Road (Brintons Road)	0852
Kingsway (Kingsland Market)	0854
Vincents Walk (Stop C.J)	0857
Terminus Terrace	0859
Itchen Bridge	0901
Portsmouth Road (Fort Road)	0904
Portsmouth Road (St Annes Road)	0905
Weston (Winchfield Close)	0915
Sch - Schooldays Only	

I have also attached two other documents which I urge you to read;

Behaviour and Uniform Expectations

School Calendar 2024-25 including all INSET days

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your child for your support since I started in April. We are at an exciting stage of school development and me and the staff really value your continued support.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer holiday.

Kind regards

David Butterworth
Headteacher

Ready

Respectful

Safe

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WSS Behaviour and Uniform Expectations

As we come to the end of the summer term, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our expectations ready for a smooth return to school after the break.

At Weston Secondary School (WSS) high standards for conduct, uniform and engagement in all elements of learning are expected by all students to support them in achieving their full potential.

Uniform

Over the summer holidays, please ensure that your child has the correct uniform for their return to school. All students are expected to wear, with pride full and correct school uniform every day. If you are unsure if items of clothing you intend to purchase meet our expectations, please review our uniform policy [here](#)

Students are expected to wear:

- Plain white shirt (long or short sleeve)
- School tie
- School jumper with logo
- Black tailored trousers, shorts or black box pleat skirt. Trousers, shorts or skirts must not be of Lycra material, denim or cord.
- Black leather shoes or trainers – sport trainers, boots or canvas shoes are not permitted.

Students are permitted to wear a watch and single studs in their lower ear lobe. No other jewellery or piercing are permitted. Students who wish to wear items for religious purposes should follow the guidelines set out in our policy.

Every student at Weston Secondary School is also expected to bring a bag to school containing the following equipment to support their learning in lessons:

- Pens – black or blue
- Pencils
- Ruler
- Scientific calculator

Where students do not meet our expectations in these areas at roll call each morning a member of staff will be in contact to ensure any issues are swiftly resolved. Students who persistently choose not to wear the correct uniform will receive appropriate sanctions and parents will be invited into school for a meeting.

Ready to Learn

To support all students in achieving their full potential and to create engaging and purposeful learning environments we have introduced our WSS Ready to Learn characteristics. All students are expected to attend school each day with a positive mindset for learning. At WSS we have 5 clear expectations of all students.

- Arrive to lesson on time with a positive attitude.
- Be organised and equipped to learn.
- Treat everyone with dignity and respect through my words and actions.
- Respect the teacher's right to teach and student's right to learn.
- Actively participate in the learning and take pride in the work I do.

We will write to you again in the new year to outline how these characteristics will form the foundation of our rewards and sanctions systems.