



**WEST KIRBY
SCHOOL &
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Changing Children's Lives

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Happy New Year!

Welcome back to a new term. We hope you had a restful break and enjoyed the festive season.

It has been a difficult start to the year as we have had to navigate the challenges posed by the adverse weather conditions of snow and ice. Unfortunately, Wirral Transport had to cancel all their transport services for many of our students this week, which has meant that several students have had to remain at home. They are still very much in our thoughts and online learning support has been provided. I have asked form teams to do pastoral welfare checks to all children and their families who have been at home during this time.

Our staff here have battled the elements and provided as much routine for those students who have travelled from neighbouring counties and they experienced business as usual. The site team have worked hard to ensure our school is safe and warm.

To support continued learning during this disruption, we have set up online learning resources. Mr. Flanagan has provided quick and easy links to ensure students can access their learning with minimal disruption. These resources are easily accessible via mobile, tablet or laptop/desktop. If you require any support with this, please speak to schooloffice@wkrs.co.uk.

During this period of disruption and absence it brings into sharp focus the importance of good attendance at other times. Regular attendance plays a vital role in a student's academic success and personal development. Attending school consistently ensures that students stay on track with their learning, build positive habits, and remain connected with their peers and the school community.

Thank you to parents for maintaining high uniform standards, which support good order, high standards and discipline within the school. Your efforts are hugely valued by the team here.

A note on mobile phones. I am aware that a number of our pupils will have been gifted new phones over the festive break. Mobile phones can be a significant distraction to our pupils and cause significant disruption to learning. Can I remind parents that they must be handed in to a member of staff at the beginning of the day and returned to pupils at the end of the day.

We remain hopeful for improving weather conditions across the weekend and a return to normal transport services and school operations next week.

Thank you for your continued support and patience during this challenging time.

Kind regards

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