



BEVERLEY HIGH SCHOOL



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Dear Parent/Carer and Student

We are very much looking forward to welcoming all staff and students back to school next week. Please refer to my letter dated 26 February 2021 for the detailed return schedule.

An additional letter and appointment times have been/will be emailed to those students whose parents have consented to lateral flow testing.

COVID Testing Update

We have been informed that Public Health England states that anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 90 days should be exempt from lateral flow testing. If you have given consent for your child to be tested and they have tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 90 days please contact the school office.

Students who have consented to testing **must avoid** eating or drinking **30 minutes** prior to swabbing to reduce the risk of spoiling the test. We have uploaded a short video and information about the testing process onto our website www.beverleyhigh.net You may wish to go through these with your child before they are due to be tested.

PE Update

Practical PE lessons will go ahead from the week beginning Monday 8 March. We hope to continue with the same activities that were planned for January. However, there may be some changes for the first two weeks back due to the Sports Hall being used for lateral flow testing. Students should come to school in PE kit on the days when they are timetabled for PE, as they previously did in the Autumn term. Please note that face coverings are not required to be worn in PE lessons as they would impact on the ability to take part in exercise or strenuous activity. PE teachers will notify students this week via Teams about the activities they will be doing. The PE department is really looking forward to having students back in lessons for practical PE again.

School Meals

For the first two weeks back in school (week beginning Monday 8 March and week beginning Monday 15 March) unfortunately there will not be a food offer available. **All students will need to bring a packed lunch and any snacks. This includes pupils who are in receipt of Free School Meals, for whom the weekly vouchers will continue for the next fortnight.** The reason for this is that staffing the lateral flow testing site is taking more than 12 members of support staff away from their usual roles full-time for nine days. These include all of the staff who were involved with the logistics of ordering and delivering lunches to bubble classrooms in the Autumn term. We simply do not have the capacity to do both. We expect that in week beginning Monday 22 March we will be able to resume the 'grab bag' style food offer. We apologise for the inconvenience this will cause to those families who used the service in the Autumn term.



School Office

The school office will be experiencing significant staffing pressures in weeks beginning Monday 8 March and Monday 15 March. We request that, wherever possible, you **use email to contact the school office** in the first fortnight back. Please note that it may take longer for office staff to respond to your query, we ask for your patience and understanding at this time when the pressure on the school support staff team will be immense.

Take care and stay safe

Yours sincerely



Sharon Japp
Headteacher

