



BEVERLEY HIGH SCHOOL



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Dear Parent/Carer and Student

I hope that this letter finds you safe and well. It is three school weeks since schools once again closed to the majority of students as a result of the latest national lockdown.

Provision On- Site

Approximately 10% of pupils daily are accessing Key Worker/Vulnerable Child provision on the school site, they are accessing exactly the same provision as those students at home, it is just the venue that is different. They are sitting in a computer room accessing their lessons via headphones and being supervised by a teacher and/or Teaching Assistant.

Remote Learning

Well done to all of our students who are working hard to keep on top of their schooling. Children should be logged on between 9.00am and 3.00pm and following their daily timetable in order that they are accessing work from their teachers for the five hourly periods each day. The same timings of the school day are being used so they still get a 15 minute morning break and a 30 minute lunchbreak.

I have been made aware this week that some of our particularly conscientious students are spending disproportionate amounts of time on their school work. They should not be doing more during lockdown than they would have done last term when they were physically attending school. It is difficult for teachers to gauge how much work to give when they are unable to assess reactions from facial expressions/body language etc. During live lessons teachers will begin to ask students how they are finding the pace and quantity of work. Our job as educators is to inspire a love of learning and we know that overwhelmed students cannot be happy or effective learners.

With that in mind I have today asked all teachers not to set homework for students in Years 7, 8 and 9 and to only set minimal homework for students in Years 10 and 11. We know that the isolating experience of being at home, the lack of exercise and being stuck in front of a screen all day can be really challenging.

Let us hope that the national lockdown and the roll-out of the vaccination programme mean that it is not too long before we are able to physically welcome all your children back into school. If this latest lockdown has taught us anything it is that schooling is a physical and social as well as an intellectual experience.

Take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

