



# BEVERLEY HIGH SCHOOL



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Dear Parent/Carer and Student

I hope that this letter finds you safe and well.

## Wider Reopening of School

The Prime Minister announced on Monday that all students are expected to return to school in the week beginning 8 March. We are looking forward to welcoming all staff and students back onto site during that week.

On Tuesday the government published detailed guidance to schools. Because of the logistical issues surrounding mass lateral flow testing in secondary schools the return of all students will be staggered over the first three days of that week. As you can appreciate it is not possible to test all the students who have consented to be tested on one day. The government has set out its priorities and we have had to plan with these in mind, thus:

the Return day for Year 11 and Year 13 to Beverley High School will be Monday 8 March 2021  
the Return day for Year 12 to Beverley Grammar School will be Monday 8 March 2021 (please see the letter which will be issued by Beverley Grammar School on Monday for details)  
the Return day for Year 10 and Year 9 will be Tuesday 9 March 2021  
the Return day for Year 8 and Year 7 will be Wednesday 10 March 2021  
All students will be back in school full-time on Thursday 11 March 2021.

## What will the Return day look like?

Because students are not permitted to meet up with others before they return a negative lateral flow test result, each student, who has consented to being tested, will be given an individual appointment time. They must arrive at the staff carpark gate (nearest to the Sports Hall) a few minutes before their allocated time wearing full school uniform and a face covering. Please do not arrive earlier as this in itself could cause problems with social distancing. Your child will be welcomed onto site and directed to the Sports Hall where they will register and carry out their lateral flow test supervised by a member of school staff. Parents are not permitted onto site. Students who have consented to testing must avoid eating or drinking **30 minutes** prior to swabbing to reduce the risk of spoiling the test.

Following the test they will have to wait for their result in a designated area, this will take approximately 30 minutes. They will then be informed of their result. If it is negative they will be allowed to go directly to their normal timetabled classroom. They should bring with them some work and/or a book to read. The Return day will inevitably be very disrupted and “normal” teaching will not be possible on that day due to students arriving to lessons at different times throughout the day. Any student who tests positive will be informed sensitively and parents/carers will be contacted immediately to collect their child. The student and all household members will then need to enter self-isolation for 10 days.



For children whose parents/carers have not consented to lateral flow testing they should arrive at school at the following time on their year group's Return day and go straight to their form room for registration at 8.45am for a morning arrival or straight to their Period 4 lesson at 12.55pm for an afternoon arrival.

Monday 8 March – Year 11 morning arrival  
Monday 8 March – Year 13 afternoon arrival  
Tuesday 9 March – Year 9 morning arrival  
Tuesday 9 March – Year 10 afternoon arrival  
Wednesday 10 March – Year 7 morning arrival  
Wednesday 10 March – Year 8 afternoon arrival

### **Lateral Flow Testing**

The government has instructed schools to facilitate students in conducting three lateral flow tests. The first of these will take place on your child's Return day, the second and third will take place as follows:

Test Two                      Year 11 (morning) and Year 13 (afternoon) on Thursday 11 March  
Year 9 (morning) and Year 10 (afternoon) on Friday 12 March  
Year 7 (morning) and Year 8 (afternoon) on Monday 15 March

Test Three                     Year 11 (morning) on Tuesday 16 March  
Year 13 will conduct their third test at home.  
Year 9 (morning) and Year 10 (afternoon) on Wednesday 17 March  
Year 7 (morning) and Year 8 (afternoon) on Thursday 18 March

Thereafter students will be provided with home testing kits.

Students will be given individual appointment times for their second and third tests and will need to come out of their lesson at the allotted time, they will be allowed to return to their classroom if their test result is negative. If a positive result is returned on Test 2 or Test 3, the student and their bubble will be instructed to self-isolate for 10 days. Normal lessons will continue on the Test Two and Test Three days though inevitably there will be some disruption to learning.

We know that LFTs tend only to identify those individuals carrying a heavy viral load, therefore a negative result should not change COVID safe behaviours e.g. social distancing, the wearing of face coverings, hand hygiene etc. Currently if a Lateral Flow Test returns positive and the test has been conducted on the school site, students do not need to take a follow up PCR test to confirm their positive result. If it is negative but your child later develops COVID symptoms, they must self-isolate and book a PCR test in line with Public Health requirements.

We intend to conduct some lateral flow testing with the Key Worker/Vulnerable Children who are on site on Thursday 4 March. Further details about this will be sent early next week to the parents/carers of children who are due to be in school next Thursday.

### **PE lessons**

Obviously with the Sports Hall being used for almost two weeks for mass lateral flow testing, practical PE lessons will not be able to take place as normal. We will resume normal PE lessons as soon as we are able.



## **School Meals**

We are hoping that our catering contractor will be able to resume with a similar 'Grab Bag' style food offer that was in place during the Autumn term. Further details about this will be sent next week.

## **School Transport**

School transport will resume on Monday 8 March, though they are obviously expecting fewer passengers on Monday 8, Tuesday 9 and Wednesday 10 March.

## **COVID Safety Measures**

I would like to reassure you that all of the COVID safety measures that we implemented in school in the Autumn term will continue this term and next.

## **Face Coverings in Classrooms**

The government requires that all students and staff (unless exempt) who are unable to maintain social distancing should wear a face covering including in classrooms for a temporary period leading up to the Easter holiday as an additional safety measure. The government says that it will review this measure for the summer term. Please ensure that your child arrives at school each day with a suitable face covering.

## **Attendance**

Attendance at school is once again compulsory from your child's Return day except for clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV) students who are advised not to attend school. Students who are CEV will previously have received a letter from the NHS or their GP telling them this. As ever, if your child is displaying any symptoms of COVID-19 they should not attend school and you should source a PCR test through the NHS. You should inform the school of the reason for your child's absence on the first day.

## **Key Worker/Vulnerable Child Provision**

On-site provision for the year groups not returning will continue on Monday 8 March and Tuesday 9 March for those parents who require it. Obviously staff will be pulled in four different directions in those three days: staffing the lateral flow test site; supervising those students who have returned to classrooms; teaching remotely those year groups who are yet to return to school; and supervising the Key Worker/Vulnerable children bubbles. Therefore if you are able to have your child at home in that week until their year group's scheduled Return day this would be very helpful to us. The provision will be there however for those who cannot.

## **Remote Learning**

Remote Learning for Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 will continue on Monday 8 March 2021.

Remote Learning for Years 7 and 8 will continue on Tuesday 9 March 2021.

Remote Learning will cease thereafter.

## **Assessments**

I would like to reassure you that no assessments will take place in the first two weeks back at school. We will focus on welcoming students back, continuing teaching and ensuring they settle back into COVID safe routines.



## Your Support

I know that many of you will appreciate what a massive logistical feat this is for us! Your support and encouragement over the last year really have been appreciated. We ask for your patience and understanding with this return, which is the most logistically complex to date! We appreciate that views may be polarised on dates, lateral flow testing, face coverings etc but the school has to implement government policy. Our aim, as always, is to educate and care for your children as best we can in whatever circumstances we find ourselves.

You will receive a further communication next week and those students who have consented to lateral flow tests will receive details of their appointment times.

Take care and stay safe

Yours sincerely



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