



BEVERLEY HIGH SCHOOL



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Dear Parent/Carer and Student

I hope that this letter finds you well.

Today marks what would have been the last day of the summer term. The last five months have been like none we have ever known before. Teachers have been so impressed by the commitment shown by so many of our students to their home learning and appreciate all the support that parents/carers have provided to help keep them motivated and on track. Home schooling has certainly presented its challenges!

Take a Break

It is now officially the summer holiday so please take a break from school work, we need you back in September refreshed and ready to take on the new challenges of different ways of working within school. Give yourselves a pat on the back for what you have achieved in the last five months, don't dwell on what you haven't managed to do and please pack away your books and laptops until September.

Summer Activities

We understand that the East Riding of Yorkshire Council is putting together a programme of summer holiday activities but that this has yet to be published. In the meantime parents are signposted to the Families Information Service Hub (FISH) website which offers advice and guidance about groups running in different areas in order that parents can find the most appropriate provision.

Attendance Expectations

The government has asked schools to communicate to families the expectation that all children will return to school in September unless they are self-isolating because they have symptoms of Covid-19 or a positive test result themselves or because they are a close contact of someone who has coronavirus. Students who are under the care of a specialist health professional may need to discuss their care with their health professional before returning to school in September.

We will soon publish our Covid-19 Risk Assessment and Action Plan for the full opening of school on the school website so that they are available for all parents/carers and students to read.



September Start Dates

I outlined in my letter last week the details of the start dates for each year group, which are reprinted below:

Monday 7th September – Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 8th September – Teacher Training Day

Wednesday 9th September – only the new Year 7 will return to school

Thursday 10th September – the new Year 10 and Year 13 will return to school along with the new Year 7

Friday 11th September – the new Year 11 and Year 12 will return to school along with the new Year 7 and the new Year 10

Monday 14th September – all year groups will be in school

We will be publishing further details for students next month as precise details are finalised.

Bubbles

In line with government guidance we will be grouping students in discrete bubbles and reducing the number of contacts a student has during the school day.

Year 7, 8 and 9 classes will be taught in their tutor group bubble at all times and will predominantly be taught in the same classroom. Where specialist classrooms are required for Music, Art, D&T, PE and Computing they will move to these classrooms. Walking routes will be established to avoid as far as possible contact with other bubbles and these will be communicated to students. There will be no mixing of bubbles e.g. for peripatetic music lessons.

Year 10 and 11 students have been grouped into six bubbles per year group and each year group is being treated as a bubble due to the necessity for mixing in GCSE subject options. All students will be reassigned to one of six tutor group bubbles.

In the sixth form the timetable will operate as usual, hence Year 12 is a bubble and Year 13 is a separate bubble.

Movement by students around the school site will be vastly reduced during the school day. Teachers will move around the site far more than students.

Entrances to the School Site

To avoid any unnecessary congestion at the school gate we will be directing year groups to one of two entrances. Further information about this will be provided next month.

Lunchtime

The nature of our school site and canteen means that students, other than Year 11 will need to eat lunch in their form rooms. Students may choose to bring their own packed lunch. Alternatively, we are working with our catering contractor to organise grab bag style lunches which we anticipate will be available for pre-ordering and delivery to classrooms. Year 11 will be able to take lunch in the canteen, they will not be allowed off site at lunchtime as has been the usual privilege for Year 11.



Students will have 30 minutes in which to eat their lunch and socialise within their bubble. In fine weather they will have the opportunity to take some exercise outdoors.

Break-time

The canteen will be open for Year 10 students only at break-time. If your child is not in Year 10 please supply your child with a snack to have in the morning. Break-time will be 15 minutes and will provide an opportunity for your child to socialise within their bubble.

Timing of the School Day

Parents do need to be aware that the timing of the school day will change. The start time will now be 08.45 and the finish time will be 3.00pm. We are not reducing teaching time at all, each day will still comprise tutor time and five 60 minute lessons. We are reducing break-time by 5 minutes and lunchtime by 30 minutes. We have worked in partnership with Beverley Grammar School, the Local Authority and transport services in order to make this change. This change is on a temporary basis and, with the Grammar School, we will keep it under review as the term progresses.

Please note that when school returns in September there will be no breakfast club, extra-curricular activities such as music/sport or after school LRC provision due to the need not to mix bubbles.

Transport

Please see the attached letter from the Local Authority detailing school transport procedures for September.

Finally, thank you to the many, many parents who have contacted us to express their gratitude for all the work that staff have done during these very difficult times. Your messages have been very welcome.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a good summer. Our original plans may have been cancelled, postponed or completely rewritten but there will be other summers, post-Covid. Be kind to yourselves, take care of those you love, relax and most importantly stay safe.

I look forward to the school being full of life, as it should be, in September.

Yours sincerely



Sharon Japp

