



BEVERLEY HIGH SCHOOL



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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope that this letter finds you safe and well.

The Department for Education yesterday informed schools that we are advised to make Friday 18th December a non-teaching day. This is because Public Health England has agreed a 6 day window after the final day of teaching in which schools are required to remain contactable to assist with contact tracing. School leaders and staff will be on call for the first six days of the Christmas holiday for COVID-19 contact tracing duties and will be able to commence their holiday on Thursday 24th December.

I have arranged with Mr Chappell, the Headteacher of Beverley Grammar School, that the last day of term for pupils will therefore be **Thursday 17th December 2020**, hence our non-uniform day will move to that Thursday.

The Spring term will commence as planned on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

Reporting Positive COVID-19 Cases during the Christmas Holiday

I have been asked to ensure that all parents and carers are aware of the following information and relevant arrangements regarding the reporting of positive COVID-19 cases during the Christmas holidays:

If your child tests positive for coronavirus having developed symptoms on or before Saturday 19th December you must email s.japp@beverleyhigh.net to inform me of that positive test result. If your child develops symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school e.g. Sunday 20th December onwards you do not need to email me. Instead parents/carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

I will be contactable by email for reporting of COVID-19 positive cases until the end of the afternoon on Wednesday 23rd December, after which there is no need to inform me of a positive case as this is more than 6 days after the final day of teaching and my COVID contact-tracing duties will get a holiday until school starts again in January!



Dressing for the Weather

In the last couple of weeks I have been asked questions I never would have envisaged pre-COVID!
For clarity here are the answers:

Question: Can we wear slippers in school?

Answer: No, they have soft soles and therefore present a slip hazard.

Question: Are we allowed to bring in blankets to cover our legs?

Answer: If the blanket is the size of a large scarf/pashmina/shawl and can fit into your child's school bag then this is allowed. If the blanket is the size of a throw then this is not allowed due to the potential for it being a trip hazard.

Question: Can we wear boots in school?

Answer: During December and January students will be allowed to wear boots to school if they find these warmer than their school shoes. Wellies are not allowed unless it snows, in which case they can be used as a second pair of footwear to change into on the journey to/from school only.

I will write to you again next week, in the meantime...

Take care and stay safe

Yours sincerely



Ms S. Japp
Headteacher

