



BEVERLEY HIGH SCHOOL



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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope that this letter finds you safe and well.

We are all settling into new ways of working and your children have been superb at adjusting to the new routines and expectations. Attendance is high so thank you for supporting your child/children with their return to school.

Covid-19

Earlier this week we sent out a letter from the NHS regarding Covid-19. It is so important that if anyone in your household develops one of the 3 main symptoms of Covid-19 that you do not send your child to school; that you self-isolate as a household; and that the symptomatic individual gets tested. The main symptoms are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

You need to inform school on Day 1 of your child's absence clearly informing us of their symptoms or informing us that they are having to self-isolate due to a household member's symptoms.

Your child will not be able to return to school until we receive from you the NHS confirmation of a negative test result (email or text message) or until 10 days after the start of symptoms (pupil)/14 days after the start of symptoms (other household member), whichever is the earliest.

Face Coverings

We are all getting used to wearing face coverings when not inside a classroom and your children have adapted well to the new expectation. On a few occasions a student has reported to the school office that they have forgotten to bring their face covering to school. We have so far provided those students with a disposable face mask to wear for that day. From Monday 28 September if your child fails to bring a face covering with them to school they will be provided with a disposable mask and a charge of 50p will be made to their ParentPay account. You will receive a text message to alert you to this. In the long term it is far more cost effective (and kinder to the environment) to purchase washable face coverings and very many students are already wearing these.

A very small number of individuals are exempt from wearing a face covering, instead they have been provided with a sunflower lanyard so that they are not challenged for not wearing a face covering.



Dressing for the Weather

We had highs of 24 degrees earlier in the week but it has now definitely turned autumnal! Obviously with doors and windows open the school will be colder than normal. Therefore as we go into the autumn/winter it is sensible to layer up with, for example, thermal vests, round neck white T shirts which can be worn under the school polo shirt, thick tights and scarves and coats. We need to retain the essence of our school uniform but adapt to the changing seasons.

Closed Site

The school site is largely closed to visitors. No parent/carer should enter the school grounds unless accompanied by a member of staff for a rare pre-arranged appointment. I would be grateful if you could pass this message on to any family members who may also have caring responsibilities for your child. Parents/Carers/Family members should also not congregate outside the school gates at the end of the school day waiting to collect children.

Forgotten Items

We would urge students to be as organised as possible for school and try not to forget lunch boxes, water bottles etc. Dropping forgotten items off at school is not as simple as it used to be pre-Covid. You will be required to wait outside the pedestrian entrance gate until a member of the office staff can come to the gate with a box. Our staff members will be wearing a face covering and we respectfully request that you do the same. They will stand back and you will be asked to place the item in the box. When you have gone they will then retrieve the box and deliver the item to your child outside their classroom door. The box is then sanitised after the item has been collected by your child. As you can appreciate this takes far more staff time than dropping off forgotten items ever did, therefore this needs to be kept to a minimum. It is also better preparation for adult life if your child can learn to organise themselves more in the mornings!

I hope that you are able to enjoy the weekend.

Take care and stay safe

Yours sincerely



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