



BEVERLEY HIGH SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers

We are now at the end of our first half term and I thought I should update you on our progress and further plans for the curriculum. I am pleased that our approach to Key Stage 3 (KS3) has worked well. We are able to offer the full range of subjects and the general feedback is that lessons, whilst different in format, have worked well and students have enjoyed being back in their classrooms learning. For GCSE I am also pleased that we have been able to offer the full range of normal option subjects alongside the normal core curriculum.

Whilst we have so far been lucky that we have not had to send a class or year group home at KS3 or KS4 we are also realistic and have been planning for that eventuality too. We have invested a lot of money into ensuring that the school ICT infrastructure will work as well as updating our PCs, visualisers and equipment for staff to use both in the classroom and at home. We are now at the stage where we will need your help too. During the full lockdown I had parents asking me about what will happen if that were to happen in the future? What software or platform would the school use? What can we as parents do to help you? So here is the plan and approach:

Stage 1

1. If an individual child is absent from school for up to 2 weeks self-isolating, the school will provide work similar to that which is being delivered in school lessons. This may include a copy of the PowerPoint, Worksheets, Copies of Textbooks and Question/Answer Activities. We will aim to provide this work within the same day that we are notified of a child's absence. We will provide this work using Microsoft Teams (MS Teams) where possible but as a last resort by direct emails to the child's school email address.

Stage 2

2. If a class or bubble is isolating then we will seek to provide work delivered by their normal class teacher either "live" or "recorded" with explanations. Work may still be similar to that above in 1. But there should be a greater opportunity for staff to interact to individual questions or requests for help by being available during their normal lesson time. Staff will work from school unless having to isolate themselves.

Stage 3

In the event of a full school lockdown staff will be asked to provide a similar standard of work from their home including "live" or "recorded" discussion, explanations as well as the normal types of activity as identified above in 1. (if teachers are allowed to be in school we will recommend that staff work in school in order to facilitate better support for any



technical issues) We will in effect seek to replicate our normal school day and lesson patterns so students should be available to work from 9.00-1220 and then from 1pm-3pm. We are realistic and know this may not always be appropriate for every student but would encourage normality wherever possible.

Our school wide approach is to use Microsoft Teams and all of our normal software like PowerPoint, Word, Excel etc will then work. All students have been set up within their classes on Microsoft Teams. All KS3 have had lessons on using it in their Computing lessons. As parents we would like your support in ensuring that students have access to this either through their smart phone apps or through a PC/laptop/tablet app or web browser. If this equipment is not available to you we really would like to know and help where we can, especially for those families who receive Pupil Premium support. Please email the office via office@beverleyhigh.net and let us know. We will also post links on our website, twitter and by Edulink to short films on how to set up Teams for those who still might have issues. Once students start using Teams they will realise it is actually quite easy to navigate and use. (I know a lot have already done so). If you still have issues please let our ICT Team know by emailing ict@beverleyhigh.net and we will try to solve them.

I am aware that whatever approach we choose there will sometimes be difficulties but we think this is the correct way going forward. I hope we do not need to use it that often!

During the next half term we will be encouraging staff to use Teams as the default place for all aspects of setting work including Homework but ask for some patience as this transition occurs. As always, we will do our best to provide the best education we can in these difficult times.

Yours sincerely



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