



BEVERLEY HIGH SCHOOL



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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope that this letter finds you well.

Remarkably, we are nearing the end of the Autumn Term. To date in the main school only three class bubbles have had to self-isolate, one in Year 7, one in Year 8 and one in Year 9. In the Joint Sixth Form 42 Year 12 students have had to self-isolate because of a positive case and all of Year 13 prior to the October half term holiday.

We feel extremely fortunate that the level of disruption our students have experienced this term to date has not been too great. We know that our families take the risks of COVID-19 seriously and together with the strict measures we are taking in school, this looks to be paying dividends. The safety and wellbeing of your children and our staff is our first concern and education comes a very close second. The fewer days that students are required to miss school the better.

Normally at this time of year we would be gearing up for Christmas, with preparations well and truly underway for our whole school Christmas Carol Service in Beverley Minster. Sadly, that tradition cannot take place this year and nor can the usual Christmas visits and activities. However, we are not cancelling Christmas altogether and on the last day of term students will be able to come to school in non-uniform, Christmas jumpers are optional! There will not be a charge for this non-uniform day though the usual rules apply.

The physical giving of gifts and cards this year is much more difficult so we would encourage your child to only bring into school cards/gifts for other children within their bubble. If they would like to wish their teachers a Merry Christmas perhaps this year they can send them an email instead.

The last thing I want to have to do in the final week of term is instruct a class to self-isolate on Christmas Day, so even though the national lockdown is lifting today can I please urge continuing caution in the next few weeks, nobody wants their Christmas Day spoiling!

If your child has any COVID symptoms, however mild, **do not send them to school** and over the next two weeks please think very carefully about sending your child to school if they have any other cold or flu-like symptoms which could be passed on to others.



Covid-19 Reminders

If anyone in your household develops one of the 3 main symptoms of Covid-19 **do not send your child to school**; the whole household must enter self-isolation; and the symptomatic individual must get 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 14 days after the start of symptoms, whichever is the earliest.

If your child is instructed to self-isolate for 14 days by school or by NHS Test and Trace the 14 days self-isolation period is mandatory and cannot be reduced by a negative test result.

I hope that you are able to enjoy the run up to the Christmas holiday.

Take care and stay safe

Yours sincerely



Sharon Japp
Headteacher

