



BEVERLEY HIGH SCHOOL



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Dear Parent/Carer and Student

Happy New Year! It certainly hasn't been the start to term that we expected but I hope that this letter finds you safe and well.

I wanted to write to you this week because, as you know, the Prime Minister announced on Monday evening that all schools in England will remain closed until February half term to all students other than those who are the children of key workers or are classified as vulnerable.

Separate letters to Year 11 and Year 13 were sent yesterday by Mr Cork and Ms Gardiner regarding GCSE and A Level examinations.

Remote Learning

All teachers are working either in school or from home to provide remote education for your child in line with the Remote Education Policy which can be accessed on the home page of the school website.

Thank you to those parents who provided feedback yesterday on how well the system worked for their child: that it was well organised, varied, engaging and productive and acknowledging that it is far from easy for teachers to switch to a completely different way of working at such short notice.

Children should be logged on from 9.00am and following their daily timetable in order that they are accessing work from their teachers for the five hourly periods each day. The same timings of the school day are being used so they still get a 15 minute morning break and a 30 minute lunchbreak.

Please see our 'Guide for Remote Learning & Using MS Teams' which has been uploaded to the school website this afternoon, it should answer any questions you or your child may have and also gives you points of contact.

If during this period of remote learning your child needs some additional emotional support, members of our Wellbeing Team are able to make contact with individual students by telephone and email, please do not hesitate to contact team members by email or contact the school office who will make sure that the most appropriate member of the team is informed.



Covid-19

The local Public Health team has asked that schools remind all families of the need for constant vigilance for the main symptoms of COVID-19 which 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

It is so important that if anyone in your household develops one of the 3 main symptoms of Covid-19 that you all self-isolate as a household prior to the symptomatic individual getting tested and then comply with the requisite self-isolation period if the symptomatic individual tests positive.

Let us hope that the national Lockdown and the roll-out of the vaccination programme mean that it is not too long before we are able to physically welcome all your children back into school.

Take care and stay safe

Kind regards



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Headteacher

