



BEVERLEY HIGH SCHOOL



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Dear Parent/Carer

Happy New Year! I hope that this letter finds you safe and well.

As you will no doubt be aware, there appear to be very high levels of COVID in the community at the current time. Please keep vigilant for symptoms – cough/high temperature/loss of taste and/or smell. As ever, if your child is unwell and/or displaying any symptoms of COVID-19 they should not attend school and you should source a PCR test through the NHS, if appropriate. You should inform the school of the reason for your child's absence on the first day.

Lateral Flow Testing

Thank you to the hundreds of students who once again approached on-site lateral flow testing with such maturity today. Year 7 students will be tested tomorrow morning ahead of their return to lessons. A reminder that students should continue with twice weekly lateral flow testing at home this term.

Face Coverings in Classrooms

As I am sure you will be aware from the news media, the government has updated its guidance on face coverings in classrooms and expects all Year 7 and above students to wear them, unless exempt. The government says that the "advice is short term only, to support pupils and teachers as they return to school this term and builds on the existing guidance that recommends face coverings for all adults in communal areas of all settings. The advice on face coverings in classrooms will be in place until Wednesday 26 January 2022, when Plan B regulations are currently scheduled to expire, at which point it will be reviewed." Please ensure that your child arrives at school each day with a suitable face covering. We have a small contingency stock of face coverings available if an individual has forgotten or damaged their own, however these will soon run out if too many students do not take personal responsibility for bringing their own to school.

We appreciate that individual parents/carers may have their own views on face coverings but the school has to implement government guidance. Our aim, as always, is to educate and care for your children as best we can in whatever circumstances we find ourselves and we appreciate your support with this.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a happy and healthy 2022. Take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely

Sharon Japp
Headteacher

