



Beauchamps High School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Overnight I received further clarification about the enforced school closure from Monday 23rd March. The link for the government guidance on “Closure of educational settings: information for parents and carers” is below.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers?utm_source=3af9bd53-8b24-49d0-92be-34d607ef773a&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate

As I explained in my correspondence yesterday, Beauchamps High School will be open from Monday to students for “vulnerable children” - include children who are supported by social care, those with safeguarding and welfare needs, including child in need plans, on child protection plans, ‘looked after’ children, young carers, disabled children and those with education, health and care (EHC) plans; and for parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response”

Clarification on work that is critical to the COVID-19 response can be found in the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

I would like to highlight that the guidance clearly states “that the fewer children making the journey to school, and the fewer children in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in wider society”, and “every child who can be safely cared for at home should be”. So I please ask that **even if your child meets the criteria to continue to come to school, that you only do so as a last resort. If alternative arrangements can be put in place to maintain social distancing which is safer, please do so and keep your child at home.**

Now that we have greater clarity on the way forward, can I please ask those of you who are involved in work critical to the COVID-19 response to complete the survey below, if you have not already done so, as soon as possible, ideally by 2.00pm today, so we can plan for next week.

[Link here to survey](#)

If your child is in school next week, I can assure you they will be well looked after. I, or a member of my Senior Leadership team, and a skeleton staff will be on site. However, we will not be delivering normal lessons and will not necessarily be following the national curriculum. We will be delivering lessons which are aimed at engaging the students, and making their days in school fun whilst developing a range of skills as well as building knowledge.

School will start at 8.45am and finish at 2.45pm as usual, please note school will not be open before 8.00am and will close at 3.00pm. As some lessons will include outdoor and physical activity, I would like to relax the uniform expectations. I would encourage students to come to school in trainers rather than shoes, usual school trousers or skirt, white school shirt, no tie and blazer optional. A plain, dark coloured jumper/hoodie will also be fine. The canteen will be open, but the food choice will be more limited than usual, if your child is entitled to a Free School Meal this will of course be provided.

I will continue to communicate with you in the coming days, providing more details on how we will continue to do our best to support students working from home and how we will be trying to support students that are entitled to free school meals that are unable to get into school.

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Finally, I would like to say to parents of Yr11 and Yr13, that I and all the staff here at Beauchamps High School feel absolutely gutted for your children. They have worked so hard and were well set up to take on their Summer exams. The government has assured us that no student will be disadvantaged because of cancellation of the Summer exams, and I will update you as soon as I have more information on the way forward.

One thing I can promise, as I told Yr11 yesterday in assembly, even if they have to be rearranged to a different time, they will definitely have their last day celebrations and a Yr11 Prom to look forward to. There will also be the usual celebration event for Yr 13 students.

Can I again thank you for your anticipated support going forward and also great thanks for the many kind emails that have been sent in, recognising what challenges we are facing in the school at the moment, and what a great job my staff have been doing in recent weeks to cope with this crisis.

Yours faithfully

M Harper

**Mr M Harper
Headteacher**