



# Beauchamps High School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Following the updated "Stay at Home" guidance to the COVID-19 virus issued by the government yesterday <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection> I must share with you the impact that this guidance is now having on the safe and secure operation of the school. We have today witnessed a significant reduction in the number of our staff who are available for work in school and this trend of reduction in staffing availability is likely to increase as we head through this week.

As a school, our analysis of staffing capacity means that we now find ourselves in a situation where we have a reduced capacity to teach and safely supervise all children at all times. We must therefore reduce the number of students in school.

This reduction will take place in the first instance tomorrow and Friday of this week the **19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of March.**

**The school will be closed to students in years 7, 8 and 9 on these days;** and I would ask that parents begin the task of making appropriate arrangements for this partial closure. We will endeavour to provide work but with reduced staffing levels, this may not be possible and I would ask you to direct learners to our website and online learning platform.

Our plan is to give priority to students in Years 10 – 13 who are currently undertaking preparations for public examinations.

Sixth form students may find that individual classes are cancelled at short notice if the staff member is needed to be redirected. A classroom will be available for students to undertake the learning that would have been provided by the teacher.

If your child, whatever the year group, is self-isolating but is well enough to work from home, again we will endeavour to provide work. However, with reduced staffing levels, this may not be possible and in this instance I would ask you to direct learners to our website and online learning platform.

The school will continue to communicate with all parents by letter via email as well as posting updates on the school's website and Twitter feed. I would ask all parents to check these platforms on a daily basis.

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I am acutely aware of the impact that these short notice closures may have on students who are eligible for free school meals. If you are a parent of an eligible child, and would like your child to be able to access the catering facilities at lunchtimes, please contact the school to arrange to collect a lunch for your child between 12:00pm and 12:30pm from Student Reception.

Advice from central government is changing on a daily basis and as such I cannot plan any further ahead at this point. I will keep you updated and will endeavour to give you at least a day's notice if there are any changes to these arrangements.

Thank you in anticipation of your support through what are likely to be difficult and challenging weeks for us all.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M. Harper', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

**Mr. M. Harper**  
**Headteacher**