



# Beauchamps High School

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Dear Parent/Carer

It has been simply fantastic to finally welcome all students back to school this week; I must congratulate every single student on the way they have embraced this return to education. I am certain that, like me, you had some trepidation about the full reopening of schools, but I hope you share in my view that it has been an excellent step forward and that students are benefitting in so many ways from being back amongst their peers, back in an educational setting and in looking towards the future; this has certainly been the view of the vast majority of students that I have spoken to this week. Their enthusiasm, conduct and positivity has been an inspiration.

As I explained in my last letter where I outlined our new Covid 19 safety measures, we have worked very hard over the summer to do our best to ensure students and staff remain safe in school, and I am extremely pleased with the ways the students have quickly and willingly adapted to the new school systems. However, we do also have to recognise that many constraints are out of our control, including a very old school building and very limited space; I can assure you we will continually seek ways to improve what we are doing.

With this in mind, and as expected, once within the school environment with the full cohort of students, adjustments that need making have been quickly identified. We have already made a few minor changes to our one-way system in school, and in doing so have improved the flow of students around the building and made it easier to maintain social distancing.

We have also identified that our current short term policy of students doing PE lessons in school uniform needs adapting. Therefore, from week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> September, we will be bringing in a revised policy on this PE lesson dress code. If your child has PE in a lesson periods 1, 2 or 3, we will ask that they come to school in their PE kit, which can include plain black tracksuit trousers or the Beauchamps High School leggings. Students will then change into their normal school uniform after their lesson. However, if your child has PE in periods 4, 5 or 6, they should arrive in normal school uniform, change into their PE kit at the start of the lesson but then will stay in their kit for the remainder of the day. Delaying the start to this change in policy enables us to adapt some teaching spaces into additional changing areas to ensure our changing facilities are safe environments for our students in the current climate.

With regard to the staggered start times at school, I please ask for your support in aiding us to maintain our year group bubbles by ensuring your child arrives at school at the correct time; no earlier and no later than the times published in my last letter, this will avoid the large gatherings outside the front of school that we have had in the last two days, a reminder of these times are below:

Year 7 - 8.30am	Year 10 - 9.50am
Year 8 - 8.40am	Year 11 - 9.50am
Year 9 - 8.50am	6 <sup>th</sup> Form - 9.40am

I would also request that you please ensure that your child has the correct equipment every day in school, as we are unable to loan equipment in lessons. Similarly, your child needs enough water for the day, as we have closed water fountains and water filling stations in school, and we recommend that students have a packed lunch as there is a limited canteen service. We are attempting to both limit the time spent in enclosed environments such as the canteen, and to avoid year group bubbles crossing, all aimed at reducing the risk of infection and for the safety of all.

I would like to again thank you for your continued support and the way in which you have supported your children back to school this week; myself and the rest of the staff have really enjoyed the re-opening and we are looking forward to the year ahead.

Yours faithfully

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