



Beauchamps High School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Following a number of letters from me this week, I thought it would be useful to send you a summary of where we are now in terms of the Basildon District Covid-19 plan.

Firstly, I would like to say a huge thanks to all of you for your fantastic support this week. The emails and kind messages on social media really have been appreciated by me and all of the staff.

I am sure you have picked up the increasing publicity, both in the local and national news regarding the worrying Covid-19 numbers in the Basildon district and in particular Wickford. The Bromfords School has now also closed to all year groups and is providing remote learning for all. Most of the other secondary schools in our district will be doing the same next week.

Unfortunately, we are still being informed of a high number of students that have had positive test results, across many year groups. Following my letter yesterday, I would like again to encourage you to have your children tested for Covid-19, as many of the positive cases that we are continuing to be informed of are from asymptomatic students. I would also encourage you to try and keep your children at home if they have been asked to self-isolate, this is to protect them, your family and the community. Public Health officials have asked me to remind you of the importance of being extra careful with regards to social distancing, and adhering to the Tier 2 restrictions in the run-in to the relaxation of Covid-19 restrictions over Christmas. This will of course reduce the risk of spreading the virus.

Given the high Covid-19 numbers in our district, and the relaxation of restrictions over Christmas, we are expecting that some students and staff may well be informed through Test and Trace to self-isolate, and this will run into the new term which starts on the 4th January. Therefore all secondary schools in our district have been asked by the Local Authority, to make **Monday 4th January a remote learning day** for all students in all year groups. This will enable schools to ascertain the situation and to make the relevant plans for re-opening the following day.

I have received some really positive feedback from students and staff regarding our fully interactive lessons that have taken place this week. However, we are noticing that some students are not attending our live remote lessons. Can you please ensure that students are engaging with these lessons, right up to the 18th December. On the 18th December, lessons 1 and 2 will be normal lessons, but period 3 will be a lesson with their form tutor, and will have a festive theme, there will be no interactive lessons after period 3 on this last day of term.

Our Year 13 virtual parents consultation evening took place this week. Again, we have had some very positive feedback from those involved, both parents and staff, so we will be adopting this for all progress evenings in the Spring term.

Once again, sincere thanks for your continuing support. Have a lovely weekend.

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