



Beauchamps High School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Firstly, happy new year!

Since I last wrote to you we have been busy planning for the phased return to school of all of our students over the next few weeks. There is currently no change to the government's ambition to have all students back to school by week beginning 18th January, and a reminder of the staggered approach is below:

- Week beginning 11th January years 11 and 13 will return to school. I am hoping that at some point next week that we are also able to welcome Years 10 and 12 too, but this will only be possible if our testing capability is in place by then, which I will be able to confirm later this week.
- Week beginning 18th January all students to return full-time, unless we are still deemed to be in an area where the contingency framework implementation still applies.

Senior staff have been involved in a number of training webinars today to help us to plan for and implement the mass testing programme of students as they return to school from next week. The size of the task ahead is significant, but we will of course do everything we can to make sure we are ready for this challenge which will enable us to welcome back our students which is what we so desperately want.

Before we can test students, we need your consent to do so. This testing will of course help to identify asymptomatic positive C19 cases and significantly help to minimise spreading the disease and also to identify those students that are negative so they can access their education in school. The consent form can be completed electronically via the link below. Please complete this form by **Wednesday 6th January, even if you do not give consent**, so we can begin to process the completed forms as soon as possible.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=5kZaevyjYEqt-JSfRtc1ILRF4fIORPseyX6zIM7CVUNVVIQUVVkFINKpQVlhFOTZRWFJGN0ZBQS4u>

The lateral flow Covid test is self-administered, but with trained staff on hand to support the students through the process. You may find the following YouTube video link useful to better understand the process <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kZhSPnnXyPo> (please note students will only be asked to do the nose and throat swab, not the processing of the test as is shown in this video). This lateral flow testing system will also enable us to test students that have been identified as close contacts to others that have tested positive and therefore reduce the need to have large numbers of students self-isolating after each positive case. Please find attached other useful documents including Covid testing FAQs.

The training provided today has also highlighted the need to ask for help of volunteers to help with the testing process. If any of you or your extended family would be interested in being involved, and especially if you hold a recent DBS check, I would be very grateful if you could please contact the school via the usual email address. Training for all staff and volunteers involved will take place later this week.

Of course, there may be changes in government policy regarding the reopening of schools over the coming days, and the Prime Minister is due to give an announcement this evening, but for now we are doing everything possible to ensure we are ready to greet our students back to school over the next few weeks.

Yours faithfully

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