



Beauchamps High School

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Dear Parent/Carer

I sincerely apologise for having to write to you again to explain the implications of yet another change of approach by the government with regards to school opening/closures.

I am sure you watched the Prime Minister's speech last evening and you know that all schools are now closed until at least February half term. So, despite only the day before, when key government officials (including the Prime Minister) said in TV interviews that schools were safe and would reopen in January to all students, we now have another U turn to plan for. I completely agree with the action that has been taken, everyone is safer at home at this current time, but I am sure you are as frustrated as I am about the timing of the announcement.

All our efforts will now revert to providing the very best remote education that we can possibly deliver. All teachers are clear that every lesson should have elements of interactive teaching and learning. Assessment and feedback opportunities will be built into our provision and teachers and leaders will be tracking academic progress closely.

Therefore, it is essential that all students are engaging with our remote learning provision. We are aware that some students are struggling with remote learning and we are doing our best to support everyone. If you have not already informed us of any concerns regarding your child's ability to access our remote learning, please contact the relevant Year Leader as soon as possible.

There is no change to the guidance for in-school provision for children of critical workers, more information can be found using 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>

If you wish to access this provision please contact Mr Windeatt at dwindeatt@beauchamps.essex.sch.uk. However, I must stress, it is safer if we keep this group as small as possible, and if possible, I would encourage you to keep your children at home, especially for older students, Year 10 and above.

I am sure our Year 11 and 13 students and their families are now even more anxious about what lies ahead with the Summer examinations, we share your concerns. As soon as I have more information about this I will of course be in contact. Given the current uncertainty, we have made the decision to postpone next week's Year 11 Parent Consultation evening, we will re-schedule this as soon as we have greater clarity about what lies ahead.

At this moment in time, the January exams are going ahead as planned and students should continue to be preparing for these the best they can.

One thing that has not changed is the government's ambition to test all students for Covid 19 when they return to school, so we will continue to plan to be ready for this. As I said in my last letter, before we can test students, we need your consent to do so. 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.

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<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=5kZaevjYEgut-JSfRtc1ILRF4fIORPseyX6zIM7CVUNVVIQUVVVvkFINkpQVIhFOTZRWFJGN0ZBQS4u>

We will also be continuing to offer Free School Meal provision whilst students are working from home. If your child is in receipt of FSMs please contact Mrs Frost on hfrost@beauchamps.essex.sch.uk to arrange your collection of a weekly food parcel.

These continue to be incredibly challenging times, I thank you for your ongoing support and the many emails of thanks which are hugely appreciated. Rest assured that I and the rest of the staff at Beauchamps will continue to do our very best for all of our students in the difficult weeks and months ahead.

Yours faithfully

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

Mat Harper
Headteacher