



Beauchamps High School

Business and Enterprise
Centre of Excellence for Learning



9 July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

As you will have seen in the news this week, the Prime Minister has been outlining the final stage of the Covid recovery plan which includes the guidance for schools following the summer holidays. Therefore, I am now in a position to outline the plans for our school when we all return in September.

The government have now instructed us to do away with the “bubbles”. Therefore, we will no longer have the staggered start and finish time to school; all students should arrive at 8.30am for an 8.45am start to the school day, and the school day will finish at 2.45pm for all students. There will of course be a host of extra-curricular activities, intervention and revision lessons after school.

We have also been told that the current self-isolation system for close contacts of positive cases will be replaced with a PCR test. This of course is excellent news and will enable us to reduce any additional days lost from school next year.

Guidance has also changed with the wearing of face coverings and they are no longer required to be worn in school. However, if any student wishes to wear a face covering anywhere in school this is of course fine. Indeed, I would still recommend that students and staff wear a face covering in busy indoor areas such as corridors at lesson changeover, social areas at break and lunch and on public transport. We will also continue to encourage students to regularly wash their hands throughout the day.

Some things that we implemented this year have worked really well and will continue next year, including:

- Having a split break and lunch for Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4/5
- Remote parent consultation evenings
- One-way system around the school in busy corridors

You are probably aware that the government is asking all schools to mass test all students before they return to school in September, all students will be required to take 2 Lateral Flow Covid Tests (LFT) at the start of term. Following discussions with the Local Authority, we have planned to do this in the following way:

- The incoming Year 7 will come into school on Thursday 2nd September and Monday 6th September to be supported with their first and second LFT
- Year 8-13 students should now be confident in administering their own LFT at home, and we will ask that these are done at home on Monday 30th August and Thursday 2nd September, with results being logged onto the school system in the same way we have been doing this term

If you are running low on your LFT kits you can order more online and they will be delivered to your home (link below) or you can collect from any pharmacy and library.

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

Beauchamps Drive, Wickford, Essex, SS11 8LY
Telephone: 01268 735466 Facsimile: 01268 570981

Email: admin@beauchamps.essex.sch.uk

Web address: www.beauchamps.essex.sch.uk Twitter: @Beauchampssch

www.beauchamps.essex.sch.uk/qdpr/

Headteacher: Mr M Harper BA Hons NPQH

Therefore, given the need for some testing to take place on school site, the start of school will be as follows

- Year 7, Thursday 2nd September for testing only, then induction day on Friday 3rd September at 8.45am
- Year 8-11 students will start school on Monday 6th September at 8.45am
- Year 12 will come in on Friday 3rd September, for registration only
- Year 12 and 13 will start on Monday 6th September

Can I please remind you that school will end at 12.10pm on the last day of term, Friday 16th July. Those in receipt of a Free School Meal may pre order a packed lunch with the canteen by Thursday 15th July for collection before they leave.

Sincere thanks for your continued support throughout what has been an incredibly challenging academic year for all of us. The Beauchamps community has pulled together brilliantly, and after a summer to rest and re-charge, we can look forward to the next academic year with a great deal of positivity.

Have a wonderful summer.

Yours faithfully

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

Mat Harper
Headteacher