

Beverley School

A specialist school for children and young people with autism where staff and governors are fully committed to the safeguarding and wellbeing of our pupils



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Dear Parents,

Thank you for your continued support and understanding during this period of lockdown. As we prepare to welcome back all our students on Monday 8th March you will know, part of the wider opening of schools involves the testing of secondary aged pupils and Post 16.

The purpose of the tests within school, is to support young people in carrying out the procedure for themselves so that they can then continue to administer them at home. This has implications for our young people. School staff cannot carry out the tests on the pupils and we feel that it will be very difficult or impossible for the majority of the pupils involved to do so themselves.

For this reason, we have decided that we will not attempt to test pupils in school. However, we do have packs of tests, which we have sent home with this letter to those students in school and will be issued to pupils returning to school on Monday from remote learning, to test your young person at home, should you wish to do so. The test is advisory but not mandatory and comes with instructions on how to do so and how to log your results.

You can also find a parent 'How to video' at

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvaBZskxS7tzQYIVg7lwH5uxAD9UrSzGJ> this link is also on our website.

Carrying out the test at home also adds a further layer of protection. If a pupil tested positive in school, then we would have to ask their school bus and transport staff to isolate as well as any contacts they have had in school. If however, a positive test was picked up at home before coming to school, then this will be avoided.

A suggested schedule for testing is Sunday evening and Wednesday evening, parents need to log the results online, as explained on page 15 of the self testing guide in the test kit box **and** e-mail or call the result into school, so it can be logged in school too.

If your child has a positive test result, please contact the school as soon as possible and book your child a test at the local test centre to confirm the result. Normal isolation periods will apply.

The latest guidance regarding the wearing of, masks by Secondary and 6th form pupils advises that all students should wear masks when in school, however there are still exemptions for pupils who:

- cannot put on, wear or remove a face covering because of a physical impairment or disability, illness or mental health difficulties



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- speak to or provide help to someone who relies on lip reading, clear sound or facial expression to communicate.

Students will not need to wear masks during outdoor activities or when taking part in physical activity indoors

If you would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact school and ask to speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance.

Kind regards

P Irwin

Pippa Irwin - Head Teacher



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