



Beaumont School

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Dear Parents/Carers

This letter gives further information regarding the Mass Testing at Beaumont School. The following is directly from the Department for Education on the COVID-19 National Testing Programme.

Why Mass Testing?:

We must use all of the tools available to us to combat the transmission of COVID-19. These tools range from vaccination, symptomatic testing, improving medicines, self-isolation regulations and non-pharmaceutical interventions like hands-face-space. Asymptomatic testing is a further and critical tool to help mitigate the transmission of COVID-19. On its own Asymptomatic testing will not prevent the transmission of COVID-19 but used with the other tools available (to us) it will help us to:

- *Identify and help to prevent staff, students and pupils without symptoms from transmitting and spreading the virus unknowingly.*
- *Allow schools and colleges to operate as safely as possible by self-isolating those that are the most contagious as soon as is practical.*

Asymptomatic testing is done via simple and quick tests, known as Lateral Flow Device (LFD) tests. They enable us to rapidly test pupils, students and staff, without the need for a laboratory. No test is 100% accurate, but the LFD, when done as part of a testing regime, is very good at picking up those with high viral loads (ie those that are the most contagious).

We are asking the sector to help us break the chains of transmission by encouraging as many of your staff, students and pupils to test on a regular basis as is practically possible.

The testing is voluntary but I am sure you will agree if all staff and students engage in this it will help us to maintain a safe environment for all members of our community to be in school. Therefore, we are hoping that all students will take part in this testing. (Students who have tested positive for COVID-19 are not required to test for 90 days after their positive test. If your child falls into this category can you please let the school know via the Beaumont Admin email address: admin@beaumont.school for the attention of COVID STUDENT TESTING).

We are also aware that some students may be very anxious about completing a test. We have been testing the students who have been in school throughout lockdown and all of these students are now very comfortable and confident in taking these tests. However if you think your child will require extra assistance please contact school and ask to talk to the SEN Department. We have three of our Teaching Assistants working within the test site to support the students and have with some students in school had parents come into school to help their child take the test. If your child is under the SEN Department and you would like to accompany your child on their test please contact the school.

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Students will be tested three times in school. Please see the attached grid for the date and time of your child's first test. Students will be expected to arrive at the stipulated time via the gate nearest the school fields (to the right of the Community Entrance). They will walk up the service road towards the new eating area in the back playground. They will register in the new eating area and then make their way to the Test Site (the old gym). Once they have completed their test, they will turn right out of the old gym, walk towards and past the language block and walk out via the Community Entrance to return home. A video will be shown in tutor time on Thursday 4 March demonstrating the route as well as the actual test. The whole process should take no longer than 30 minutes.

On the first test students should arrive in school uniform and should follow current laws in relation to meeting up with others outside of their houses. Our aim will be to keep students apart so if any students test positive they will not have been in contact with others.

We will be using the phone number and email address of the primary carer that we have on our MIS to register the students for testing. If you have changed email address or phone number since informing the school please contact reception to give the updated details.

The two follow up tests in school will be completed during the school day. The timelines for these are attached, however, these days and times may also change. It is hoped that once students have completed three tests in school supervised by Test Assistants to check they are completing them correctly, they will then be able to transition to complete the fourth test at home. Once this has been completed we will then be issuing students with a pack of home tests which should be completed at home, 3-5 days apart. We would suggest in the morning on a Monday and Thursday (or on Sunday evening and Wednesday evening).

We will send more information about the home testing once we have completed the testing in school.

Please encourage your child to watch the information that will be given next Thursday and we look forward to seeing them in school for their first test.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Y Powdrell
Deputy Headteacher

MASS TESTING - BEAUMONT SCHOOL

Monday 8 March 2021

Year 13	Arrival Time	Year 11	Arrival time	Year 10	Arrival Time
H Parmar	11.15am	11L	8.00am	10L	10am
H Skelton	11.15am				
J Pearson	11.35am	11E	8.20am	10E	10.20am
D Esmizadeh	11.35am				
A Hassan	11.55am	11A	8.40am	10A	10.40am
Y Shahrads	11.55am				
N Papanicola	12.15pm	11R	9.00am	10R	1.35pm
E Dickson	12.15pm				
S Lutz	12.35pm	11N	9.20am	10N	1.55pm
A Jones	12.35pm				
J Knight	12.55pm	11S	9.40am	10S	2.15pm
P Dean	12.55pm				
B Austin	1.15pm				
H Duckworth	1.15pm				
ALL STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL FULL TIME FOR FACE-TO-FACE LESSONS TUESDAY 9 MARCH					
Further tests will take place on:		Further tests will take place on:		Further tests will take place on:	
Thursday 11 March am		Thursday 11 March pm		Friday 12 March am	
Wednesday 17 March am		Tuesday 16 March pm		Wednesday 17 March pm	

Tuesday 9 March 2021

Year 12	Arrival Time	Year 7	Arrival time
H Parmar	11.15am	7B	8.00am
H Skelton	11.15am		
J Pearson	11.40am	7L	8.25am
D Esmizadeh	11.40am		
A Hassan	12.05pm	7E	8.50am
Y Shahrads	12.05pm		
N Papanicola	12.30pm	7A	9.15am
E Dickson	12.30pm		
S Lutz	12.55pm	7R	9.40am
A Jones	12.55pm		
J Knight	1.20pm	7N	10.05am
P Dean	1.20pm		
B Austin	1.45pm	7S	10.30am
H Duckworth	1.45pm		
H Wilson	2.15pm		
ALL STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL FULL TIME FOR FACE-TO-FACE LESSONS WEDNESDAY 10th MARCH			
Further tests will take place on:		Further tests will take place on:	
Monday 15 March am		Friday 12 March pm	
Thursday 18 March am		Thursday 18 March pm	

Wednesday 10 March 2021

Year 8	Arrival Time	Year 9	Arrival time
8B	8.00am	9B	11.15am
8L	8.25am	9L	11.40am
8E	8.50am	9E	12.05pm
8A	9.15am	9A	12.30pm
8R	9.40am	9R	12.55pm
8N	10.05am	9N	1.20pm
8S	10.30am	9S	1.45pm
ALL STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL FULL TIME FOR FACE-TO-FACE LESSONS THURSDAY 11 MARCH			
Further tests will take place on:		Further tests will take place on:	
Monday 15 March pm		Tuesday 16 March am	
Friday 19 March am		Friday 19 March pm	