



Beaumont School

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Dear Parents/Carers of Year 8

It is now just over a week until Year 8 return to school. We are looking forward to seeing all the students again. We are aware that some students may find the transition back into school hard, but are also aware that the majority cannot wait to get back into school to see their teachers, friends and classmates. We have therefore decided to go straight back to a normal routine for the school day and there will be staff available all day for any students who require extra support in this transition back into school. We will also be supporting students in form times and tutor times on the transition back into school.

During the first two weeks back, we will be testing students and then we will be giving the students home test kits. We will send further information regarding this after your child has had their third test in school. You may also have seen that the government is making home testing kits available to families of students.

For further information go to: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_source=ca1c659b-95d6-490e-87c6-d6c09e85ecfb&utm_content=immediately

The school continues to have in place all the procedures that were introduced back in September to maintain safety for both staff and students. This letter includes some reminders regarding the procedures that are currently in place to ensure that the health and safety of all members of the community are maintained.

Year 8's first day back in school full time is Thursday 11 March 2021.

Arrival and departure to/from school:

Year 8 will still be based in J Block. Students should arrive at school for 8.10am via Austen Way. Students should line up in forms as before and will then wash hands before going to Tutor time. During the day, they should use the hand sanitiser provided to sanitise hands before going into a new classroom. Students will finish the school day at 3.10pm.

Movement around school to maintain social distancing:

There are set entrances and exits into J Block classrooms. It is important the students follow the rules to avoid 'bottlenecks' at entrances and exits. Students should at all times in corridors, outside and in class try and maintain social distancing and should not be in close contact with others.

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Face coverings:

Students must wear a face covering at all times when inside a building (unless exempt), and when outside if not wearing a face covering maintain social distancing rules.

Some students may find the transition back into school difficult. To help the staff to be able make this a priority and be able to support all students in this transition we would ask that all students can make sure that the basic requirements of wearing the correct uniform, having the correct equipment, and following the one way system and social distancing are adhered to.

I include a reminder of our school uniform requirements.

<https://beaumontschool.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/SCHOOL-UNIFORM-2019.pdf>

<https://beaumontschool.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/GENERAL-UNIFORM-MATTERS.pdf>

I would like to clarify that the following are **not** acceptable as school uniform:

- Black trainers unless a medical note is provided upon return to school.
- Any piercings other than a single, plain stud in each ear lobe. Facial piercings and other jewellery other than a wrist watch are not part of our uniform requirements.
- Unusual or exaggerated hairstyles, this includes two tone, artificial hair colours and shaved or partly shaved styles, including lines and patterns.
- Skirts shorter than 5cm above the knee.

Equipment needed:

- An inkpen, rollerball pen or ballpoint pen, basic ballpoint pens in black, blue, red and green, HB pencil, eraser, pencil sharpener which collects shavings, ruler, coloured pencils, soft drawing pencils for Art, calculator, protractor and compass, glue stick, and a pencil case.

Our priority is the welfare of our students and ensuring our students can resume their learning in school as quickly and smoothly as possible. We would ask if you could discuss all the above with your child in advance of returning to school to make this transition as smooth as possible.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Y Powdrell
Deputy Headteacher