



Beaumont School

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Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach the end of this term, I would like to thank all of you in your ongoing patience with the twice weekly testing of students. As a school, we have been pleased with the low numbers of students over the last year we have had to send home to self-isolate. However, in recent weeks we are aware that this has increased. As a result of this rise nationally you may have seen the announcement last week from the government of their plans for the Autumn term. (Please see below information sent to schools from the Department for Education):

Information on testing in the autumn term in secondary schools and colleges

Following the announcements on Step 4 this week, we are asking secondary schools and colleges to test all students at an on-site asymptomatic test site (ATS) on return following the summer holidays. This approach is based on the latest public health advice and will help us break chains of transmission in education settings after the summer holidays when students may have been mixing with lots of people. We are asking these tests to be carried out on site as testing participation rates amongst students via ATS are much higher than when testing at home.

We are also asking that schools and colleges encourage students to continue twice-weekly testing at home for the rest of this term and in the autumn, following the two initial on-site tests. All the education workforce should also continue to test – twice-weekly at home – on return in the autumn term. We will review the continued need for testing, based on public health advice at the end of September.

The measures we will have after summer, including testing, strike the right balance as we learn to live with the virus so children can continue in face-to-face education. Department of Education July 9th 2021.

Therefore, we will be setting up an asymptomatic test site at school for the start of the Autumn Term. The tests that are to be completed at school are similar to those that students have been completing at home, but from the information we have received the test from the Autumn are nasal tests only. We aim to try to ensure no students or staff will be returning to school positive with COVID 19.

Our plan is to test all of next academic years Year 8-13 students on **Tuesday 31st August** for their first test and then Friday 3rd September during the school day for their second test. Students will receive their home testing kits when they have their second in-school test, which they should then use every Sunday and Wednesday evening and log results with both the school and NHS. The twice-weekly testing will continue throughout September. We will send reminders on Sundays and Wednesdays.

We will be asking students to arrive on the Tuesday 31st August at a set time: see schedule attached. They will complete their test and leave. We will process all tests and will inform you within an hour of any positive or void tests. **We would like students to bring along with them the cardboard section they currently have in their home test kits to use to hold the vial for the buffer solution.**

Please complete the google form to confirm attendance: [Testing Attendance Confirmation](#)

From 16th August children under the age of 18 will no longer need to isolate if they are a close contact with a person who has tested positive to COVID 19. However, for Year 13 students when they reach the age of 18 years and 4 months they will be required to self-isolate as a contact if they have not received both vaccinations.

I hope you have a good summer break and we look forward to a new term and hopefully the continued journey back to normality.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Y Powdrell

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Form	Date	Time	Venue	Entrance
8B and 8L	Tuesday 31st August	9am	Old Gym	Community Entrance
8E and 8A	Tuesday 31st August	9.30am	Old Gym	Community Entrance
8R and 8N	Tuesday 31st August	10am	Old Gym	Community Entrance
8S and 10S	Tuesday 31st August	10.30am	Old Gym	Community Entrance
10B and 10L	Tuesday 31st August	11am	Old Gym	Community Entrance
10E and 10A	Tuesday 31st August	11.30am	Old Gym	Community Entrance
10R and 10N	Tuesday 31st August	12 noon	Old Gym	Community Entrance
9B and 9L	Tuesday 31st August	12.30pm	Old Gym	Community Entrance
9E and 9A	Tuesday 31st August	1pm	Old Gym	Community Entrance
9R and 9N	Tuesday 31st August	1.30pm	Old Gym	Community Entrance
9S and 11L	Tuesday 31st August	2pm	Old Gym	Community Entrance
11E and 11A	Tuesday 31st August	2.30pm	Old Gym	Community Entrance
11R and 11N	Tuesday 31st August	3pm	Old Gym	Community Entrance
11S	Tuesday 31st August	3.30pm	Old Gym	Community Entrance

Form	Date	Time	Venue	Entrance
13Tu01 and 02	Tuesday 31st August	9am	Hall	Oakwood Drive
13Tu03 and 04	Tuesday 31st August	9.30am	Hall	Oakwood Drive
13Tu05 and 06	Tuesday 31st August	10am	Hall	Oakwood Drive
13Tu07 and 08	Tuesday 31st August	10.30am	Hall	Oakwood Drive
13Tu09	Tuesday 31st August	11am	Hall	Oakwood Drive
SURNAMES				
12 A-C	Tuesday 31st August	12 noon	Hall	Oakwood Drive
12 D-H	Tuesday 31st August	12.30pm	Hall	Oakwood Drive
12 I - M	Tuesday 31st August	1pm	Hall	Oakwood Drive
12 N-R	Tuesday 31st August	1.30pm	Hall	Oakwood Drive
12 S-Z	Tuesday 31st August	2pm	Hall	Oakwood Drive



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