



Beaumont School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have all had a restful and enjoyable summer break. We are preparing for the start of term which starts next Tuesday 31st August 2021 with the first of two on site COVID tests that all students will hopefully be taking. If you have yet to reply to the Google Form indicating your availability, please see emails sent from Beaumont School. If you have indicated that you are not available at the set time for your child's form group, further information will follow on Friday 27th August 2021. A letter was sent at the end of last term regarding the allocated times for each form and year group. This information can be found on the school website if you are unsure of the time allocated for your child.

Before Tuesday we would advise that you watch the video on how to take a Orient Gene nasal swab: <https://youtu.be/jDcEE071jeo>

Since the making of this video, the DfE has changed its original advice to state that all Year 7 and above students can take this test alone.

On Tuesday, we would ask that Year 7 students arrive via A Block reception, Years 8-11 arrive through the community entrance and Years 12 and 13 through the entrance on Oakwood Drive. Year 7-11 will leave via the service entrance next to Languages and Years 12 and 13 back through Oakwood drive. Can I remind students to please bring in their cardboard insert from their current test kit that holds the tube whilst testing.

Students will then complete their second test on Friday 3rd September 2021 and will receive their test kits for September. Students and staff will then be asked to test twice weekly (Sunday evening and Wednesday evening) and to log their results with both the school and NHS. This is to be reviewed by the Government at the end of September.

Procedures in School:

We will not be asking students and staff to wear face masks, but individuals can still do this if they would prefer. Students will be asked to sanitise their hands on entry into the school in the morning and hand sanitiser will be available in every room for students to use on entry. We will be asking students to wash/sanitise hands prior to buying/eating food on site.

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Students may arrive and leave via any of the three entrances to the school and on arrival must go straight to their year group area:

Year 7	G Block
Year 8	Back Playground (near the Music Block)
Year 9	Front Playground
Year 10	Side of A Block
Year 11	Back Playground (near the eating area)
Year 12 and 13	Either the Sixth Form Centre or their form rooms.

Students will also be required to use these areas at break and lunchtime.

We are no longer required to 'track and trace' students if they have been a close contact to someone who has tested positive for COVID 19. This will now be done through the NHS track and trace system. The rules for self-isolation now are:

Gov.uk: Public Health England- From 16 August, you will not be required to self-isolate if you live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 and any of the following apply:

- *you are fully vaccinated*
- *you are below the age of 18 years 6 months*
- *you have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial*
- *you are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons*

Fully vaccinated means that you have been vaccinated with an MHRA approved COVID-19 vaccine in the UK, and at least 14 days have passed since you received the recommended doses of that vaccine. NHS Test and Trace will contact you to let you know that you have been identified as a contact and check whether you are legally required to self-isolate. If you are not legally required to self-isolate, you will be provided with advice on testing and given guidance on preventing the spread of COVID-19

If there is a rise in COVID cases locally, we may, as a school, be required to move back into previous procedures to limit contact between year groups/classes. If we are advised to do this, we will be in contact with all parents/carers.

We continue to ask that if your child is unwell that they do not come into school, and certainly, if they have any COVID 19 symptoms they do not come into school.

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We hope that, with all students/staff testing twice weekly initially and the whole school community continuing to think and engage in Hands-Face-Space, we can continue the year without disruptions and get back to all the extra-curricular activities, school performances and evening events.

We are looking forward to welcoming all our students back to school and in particular of those new students and families that are joining our community. We hope to see all parents/carers at the welcome evenings that will be taking place in September in the school hall.

Yours sincerely

M Atkinson

Headteacher

