



Beths Grammar School

an 11 – 18 selective school with academy status

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Dear Parents/Carers

Year 10 Face-to-Face Support Summer Term

Thank you for the support which you have given both to the school and your son in continuing his education remotely since March. This has been an exceptionally difficult time for many in our community and we understand just how difficult it has been for students to learn effectively while at home. Consequently we are keen to support Year 10 and offer some face to face support and teaching from the start of next week. We understand that sending your son into school is a very difficult decision based on the current health emergency. We would therefore like to reassure you that we are taking the health of all within the Beths community extremely seriously and are aiming at creating an environment which is Covid Secure eliminating all obvious risks.

The main bulk of education will still need to be conducted by students at home however all Year 10 students will be invited into school for an intensive learning experience from 10.00am to 1.10pm on one day per week. The aim of the education will be to focus on correcting misconceptions and supporting students with any difficult content covered so far this year, including during the lockdown period, and ensure that high levels of challenge are provided to stretch the most able. It is also an opportunity for students to feed back to staff on difficulties which they are facing and gain ideas on how to become more effective learners at home.

In order to make our community Covid Secure the education must be limited in nature and all staff and students will be required to follow 2m social distancing and practice exemplary hygiene routines. We believe that this robust approach will enable education to resume safely at Beths albeit in a limited capacity. These sessions will be important in ensuring your son is well prepared for Year 11 however you must not send him into school if your family is self-isolating for any reason. We will ensure that any student isolating is provided additional support at home.

To ensure that the school is safe we are:

- Restricting the number of classrooms and spacing them out
- Limiting the rooms to 9 students
- Deep cleaning between every session
- Providing all education for students within a single room assigned to a specific group for the day
- Giving each student a clean desk and there will be hand sanitiser available within each room.
- Enforcing 2m social distancing from arrival to departure
- Ensuring that no equipment or resources are shared
- To make this work we will require cooperation and coordination from our students and families and as such please note the following

To ensure the school is safe we will be requiring all students to:

- Arrive in school individually
- Maintain social distancing of 2m throughout their entire time on site

- Follow the designated routes around the site
- Remain at their desk throughout the lessons
- Bring full equipment with them
- Bring a small bottle of hand sanitiser with them
- Bring tissues and employ the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' strategy throughout the day
- Clean hands on arrival and departure from the class
- Bring their own drink.

To ensure that the school is safe it is essential that we all work in partnership in allowing all students to travel safely to and from school. As such we are asking all students to walk, cycle or be driven to school if possible. In the event that public transport must be used then students must travel outside of the rush hour, wear a face mask and wash hands before and after leaving a bus/train.

No students must meet up before or after school either with students from Bets or other students. If a student does not follow this rule while traveling to or from school it will be treated as a serious breach of the school's behaviour policy and appropriate sanctions will follow.

There will be limited toilet facilities available on site so would kindly request that, wherever possible, your son uses home facilities before leaving for school.

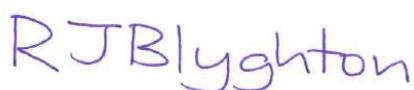
We realise that the risk to young people is very low however we are committed to aiming for no transmissions of the virus in Bets for the safety of the wider communities within which we all belong. We understand that there are special risks attached to some groups, including those from some BAME communities and will be very happy to discuss further measures if you feel they are needed in addition to the above. Please contact Ms Clarke or Mr O'Regan if you wish further safeguards to be put in place for your son.

Your son's face to face support will take place on ***(date and room has been advised in personalised letter sent by email)*** from 10.00am until 1.30pm and your son will not be able to access the site until 9.40am. Students in Year 10 should arrive via the Main entrance (East gate) and head straight to their room. If students are being driven please drive onto the school site via the main school gate (East) entrance and exit via the West gate (closest to Knoll Road). Parents will not be given the opportunity to leave their vehicle as we will be adopting a 'drop and go' system.

This will start week beginning Monday 15 June and continue until the last week of term unless there is a change in government guidance.

As a school, we will be continuing to operate a reduced level of staff and would ask that you continue to email queries, wherever possible, and that you do not access the site without an invitation (unless in the case of using the 'drop and go' system). Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing your son next week.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher