



Beths Grammar School

an 11 – 18 selective school with academy status

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Dear Parents/Carers of Sixth Form Students

Further Update and Reiteration of Guidance

We are continuing to review our procedures and, in order to reduce congestion outside of the school, we will be trialing allowing our Sixth Form students to enter via the East Gate (closest to the school reception). However, they will need to be wearing face masks as they enter through the gate as they will be crossing other year group bubbles as they walk to their form bases.

In addition, we would ask that all Sixth Form students please avoid using Albert Road and arrive in Hartford Road via Bourne Road, Parkhurst Road or Knoll Road.

I again must insist that parents and students respect our neighbours living close to the school – particularly in Hartford, Albert, Knoll and Parkhurst Roads. We have had reports of parents using foul and abusive language to our neighbours and this is totally unacceptable behaviour.

I will reiterate again that we cannot allow large number of students to congregate outside of school – not only for their own safety but, again, for the safety of our neighbours.

I must also remind you of the arrangement we have made with Hall Place, just around the corner in Bourne Road, DA5 1PQ, where they have kindly agreed that parents can use their car park to drop off in the morning and wait for students to meet them there at the end of the school day. Hartford Road and the surrounding roads are always very crowded as they are narrow and already filled with many residents vehicles. Please therefore, DO NOT drop or pick up your son or daughter outside the school.

Again, we understand that the services TfL are running do not necessarily correspond with our start and finish times of the day, however, we are working with them and would urge parents to complain when the service is poor, to help to eventually, make things better. Students MUST NOT arrive at school earlier than their specified times as we have no facility to supervise them due to social distancing and bubbles. Therefore, if we allowed them on site before they could be safely supervised and anything should happen to them, we would not be insured.

A reminder that, for the safety of all, students MUST remain within their 'bubble' at all times and wear a face mask in all internal areas of the school, except the classroom.

We are very keen to work closely with parents over the first few weeks of school to monitor our Covid security both on site and while travelling to and from school and the safety of all students and staff is my paramount concern.

Yours faithfully

Mr R J Blyghton

Headteacher