



# Beal High School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we reach the end of the first term this year, we would like to thank you for your overwhelming support during what has been the most unusual term we have known. Our students have been and continue to be a credit to Beal High School with their attendance, punctuality, resilience and focus on their learning being exceptional.

After a week of relative stability, the Department for Education have sent out some further guidance that have led to some decisions we have had to make to ensure we are providing the best education possible in the safest way possible. Please see below for an update of these:

### End of term arrangements:

The Government have now decided that Friday the 18th December can be a closure day for students and an INSET day for school staff to allow for a reasonable period of six days following the end of term for schools to conduct contact tracing. We have therefore taken the decision to close the school to students on the 18th December 2020 and the final day of term will now be Thursday 17th December 2020. This will be continue to be a full day and it is imperative that your child continues to attend school up to this date. The 18th December will now become an INSET day for all staff in line with the Government position.

We want to put your child and our staff in the best possible position for this festive break, align with Government guidance, and ensure we are all safe to return in January. We also know that some students and parents may want some school work to undertake on the 18th December, and we will be providing work for students in all year groups on Show My Homework.

### Contact tracing over the Christmas holidays:

To support the NHS and our school community and so that we can ensure we are conducting contact tracing throughout the Christmas holidays, please ensure you adhere to the following arrangements:

- Please inform the school throughout the Christmas holidays should your child test positive for Covid-19
- Up to and including the 23<sup>rd</sup> December we will be carrying out contact tracing. This means that the school will assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.
- After this date, you will need to continue to inform us, but you should also follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.



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<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-test-and-trace-how-it-works>

- If you need to report a positive coronavirus test result for your child at Beal High School, please do ensure that the entire household is isolating and contact us via email at [admin@bealhighschool.co.uk](mailto:admin@bealhighschool.co.uk) providing the following information:
  - Your child's name and tutor group
  - Date your child was last in school
  - Date that coronavirus symptoms began
  - Date of the Covid-19 test
  - Date the positive test result was received
  
- The school will be in touch to advise on next steps and begin the contact tracing process. If we need to contact students or families with advice to self-isolate we will do so via email and will also try to call, but this may not be possible in all circumstances.

#### Free school Meal provision during the Christmas holidays:

We are pleased to have had confirmation from Redbridge local authority that they will continue to support the provision of free school meals during the holidays by providing FSM vouchers. The registration is now open and the deadline to register is **Friday 18 December 2020** to ensure vouchers are issued at the beginning of the holidays. Please follow this link to the form "FSM School Holiday Voucher Registration":

<https://bit.ly/3mCkZlb>

Thank you as always for your continued support, we will write again briefly next Thursday with our festive e-newsletter to conclude the 2020 Autumn Term with all hopes for a far more positive 2021!

Have a restful weekend

Kindest regards,



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Executive Principal



Yvonne Andress  
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Phil Bray  
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