



# Beal High School

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Dear Parents/Carers

From Wednesday 16 December Beal will be moving to full remote learning for the remaining two days to the end of term with the exception of students in the 'BCS bubble' and the children of key workers and vulnerable learners. Rest assured this decision has not been made lightly and has been made with the best interests of our students, staff and their families in mind. Our track and trace as a result of Monday's positive cases from the mass testing on Sunday and the predicted positives from today's mass testing of sixth formers will become untenable and unfair for their close contacts and families with Christmas on the horizon.

We will remain open for key worker children and vulnerable learners in the sixth form study centre on the upper site 8.30am – 2.30pm to enable the students access to Show My Homework and their 'live' lessons. If childcare is an issue for parents of Year 7 and 8 children please contact us and we will support your children in school. In order that we can estimate numbers please email: [admin@bealhighschool.co.uk](mailto:admin@bealhighschool.co.uk) confirming your child's full name and tutor group if you will be sending them in either as key worker, vulnerable learner or need support with childcare in Years 7 and 8.

Staff will continue to come into work and the minimum expectation is that all students will follow their 'real time' timetable for Wednesday and Thursday. Beal High School use a single interactive platform, Show My Homework, for remote education provision – see link below for guidance and rationale:

<https://www.bealhighschool.co.uk/remote-learning/>

- Every student and teacher has access to this platform through their school email account.
- All remote learning is uploaded to this platform and may be enhanced by links to other application such as Microsoft Teams, Moodle, MyMaths, Kerboodle or Oak Academy.
- The platforms and applications used allow for work to be 'handed in' and it will be marked if the work would have been assessed had the student been in the classroom.
- The normal full planned curriculum is accessible to students and be available in 'real time'; we expect all students to follow their normal timetable when learning at home.
- For example, if they have Science period 1 on a Monday they should complete the Science work set for this lesson in that time slot (lessons will be numbered sequentially).
- This will ensure that students follow the routine of a normal school day and we would ask that parents and carers support with this as much as possible.
- Heads of Department check the quality of work set, class teachers monitor completion, assess the work and feedback as appropriate and form tutors will ensure that students are provided with the full range of remote learning.



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We apologise in advance for any inconvenience caused, but the current position at Beal High School has left us with no option for the two days remaining to the end of term. As outlined above positive cases have increased significantly and we have taken this action to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our students, staff and their families.


Our other schools Beacon Business Innovation Hub and The Forest Academy will remain open.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding in what are difficult times for all.

Kindest regards,



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**Executive Principal**



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