

18 December 2020

Dear Parents / Carers

Important Message for Week Beginning 4th January 2021

The last few days have seen Buckinghamshire move into Tier Three and the Department for Education has asked schools to provide remote education for all but exam years for the week beginning 4 January 2021. Please note the arrangements for TBS are as below:-

- Monday 4 January 2021 is an INSET Day and hence all students will be at home.
- Students in Year 11 and 13 will return to TBS on Tuesday 5 January 2021 and have lessons as normal.
- Students in Year 12 who have a public examination for Certificate in Financial Studies, Business Studies and/or Sport Anatomy and Physiology the following week will be welcome in school from 5 January 2021 to attend their normal lessons in order to prepare for those examinations.
- **Students in Years 7 to 10 will have remote education between Tuesday 5 January and Friday 8 January 2021.**
- Students who are children of key workers will be contacted today and invited into TBS for Tuesday 5 January 2021 and the rest of the week.

Please note that we have some discretion over which Key Stage Three students we can invite in. If you would like to consider this, please contact Mrs Harding who will be able to discuss this further with you. Her email address is aharding@beaconsfield.school

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals we will be in touch 4 January 2021 and the School will be providing funds to cover meals for the 4 days students are not in.

As ever, the Staff and Governors at The Beaconsfield School are completely committed to giving your child the best possible education. At present, I hope to bring all students into school for Monday 11 January 2021. I will of course update you as soon as I have a clearer understanding of what that week will bring. Unfortunately the situation can change quite rapidly given even a small number of cases amongst staff or students.

On a personal level, I am sorry that Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 will be missing further face-to-face learning and time with their friends and teachers. I will look forward to seeing them all when circumstances allow.

Wellbeing

This may be a worrying time for your child. If you are concerned about any aspect of your child's wellbeing or mental health the links below may provide some support:-

- www.kooth.com
- www.youngminds.org.uk
- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/childrens-mental-health/depression-anxiety-mental-health/>

I cannot stress the importance enough of regular exercise, reading for pleasure and taking time to think of others. The combination of Tier Three and an extended period out of school means that young people will need some structure and support through this period. Please get in touch with us here at the school if you have any concerns that you would like to discuss further.

Remote Education

We will communicate our expectations for home learning by Monday 4 January 2021.

Testing

Students and staff will be able to access mass testing from January. Staff can be tested weekly and students who are contacts of a positive case could be tested daily for 7 days to allow them to remain in school. I must be clear that no young person will be tested without consent given by their parents or carers and that adults who administer these tests will be fully trained to do so in compliance with all the guidance that we will be given.

I wish you all a safe and restful Christmas and New Year. As I reflect on this term I am enormously proud of our young people and staff, who have dealt with unusual and often trying circumstances with resilience and good humour. I feel that TBS is a family and I am sure that many of you will have felt that over the last 10 months. Please get in touch with me here at the school if you would like to discuss any of the points raised above, or indeed any aspect of your child's education at TBS.

Yours faithfully

Mr P Tang
Headteacher