



Beacon Business Innovation Hub

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Monday 23rd March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

School Closure:

Beal High School, The Forest Academy and the Beacon Business Innovation Hub will be closed until further notice for all students. Lunch will be provided for those students that want it or those that have free school meals.

As a country, we all need to do what we can to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus. You should only send your child to school if you have to, because your work is critical to the COVID-19 response. If you are able to keep your child at home, you should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading.

The government has given clear guidance on self-isolation, household isolation and social distancing. Please see latest Government guidance given for schools about keeping your child at home:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>,

If you are a parent who is a key worker or your child is vulnerable, it is your choice to send your child in or not.

There are some children who will need to stay at home:

- Children should stay at home if they are unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature to avoid spreading infection to others.
- Children should stay at home if anyone in their household exhibits the same symptoms and is self-isolating.
- Children should stay at home if they have a relevant, underlying medical condition

Our provision for vulnerable students or students whose parents are key workers

- During this exceptional period of closure we are not operating as schools, but as a community childcare provider for those children whose parents are key workers and do not have anyone at home to look after their child.
- The school will be open from 8.30am to 3.10pm. This will include over the Easter Holidays with the exception of Bank Holidays.



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- Students will work from the 6th form Study Centre on their online Moodle resources and must sign in every morning at the upper site reception.
- It is hoped that we will be able to accommodate all requests for a place at school as long as we are able to adequately staff to a level that ensures safety for all.

In order to ensure we can deploy and use staff effectively over the next two weeks, please can you email the school on admin@bbih.org to let us know **if you will want your child to continue coming to school from Tuesday 24th March 2020**. When contacting us please let us know the following:

- Your name, relationship to student
- Student name and form group
- Key worker job role (if applicable)
- Please use an email subject title of Key Worker/Vulnerable student.

Learning Continuity Plan

For those students working at home, we will support your child in their learning through support from staff.

Included within this pack is a range of learning activities your child is able to complete at home and online.

If there are any concerns or queries about this work, email the School: admin@bbih.org

We will pass on your questions to relevant staff who should be able to respond within 48 hours.

Year 11 and 13 Public Examinations

We have today written to parents regarding the main points confirmed by Exam boards and the DfE¹.

All Year 11 Beal students will have IAG interviews in person or on the telephone if they have not already had one. Please check emails for further information.

Free School Meals

As well as the school offering grab bag lunches for students eligible for free school meals, we have been told by the DfE that schools will be able to purchase meals or vouchers for supermarkets or local shops. We will be able

¹ Appendix 1: Letter to parents regarding Year 11 and 13 Examinations



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to email, print or post these vouchers to families. We are expecting further guidance on how this will work shortly and will update you when we have this information.

Please be reassured, we are continuing to follow Gov.UK. DfE and Public Health England advice and will update this as and when it is received. The current advice is as follows:

General advice on Covid-19

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Stay at home guidance for households with possible Covid-19 infection

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Guidance on social distancing for everyone in the UK

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people/guidance-on-social-distancing-for-everyone-in-the-uk-and-protecting-older-people-and-vulnerable-adults>

Updates to this advice

If the situation changes in a way which will impact on our approach, we will inform parents/carers as soon as possible through the school website and via Groupcall. In the meantime we will continue to support our students, parents and community as best we can.

Kindest regards,

Trevor Button

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