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Dear Parents/Carers

We have reached the end of a somewhat unique term at the school. As you know, this term, we had to implement a number of measures to ensure all students and staff could return safely following the enforced closure due to Covid-19. Although, some of the measures will have felt strange to the students at first they should be applauded for the way they have adapted. They have approached the start of this school year with flexibility, adaptability, common sense and a determination to show that the lockdown is not going to be a barrier to being successful at their school. I'd also like to thank parents and carers who have approached this situation with reason and calmness, and for the ongoing support you continue to offer the school at this time.

As with most schools, we have had a small number staff and students test positive for Covid-19. This has resulted in additional numbers of students being required to isolate and continue with their learning at home using Google Classroom. I expect this pattern to continue as we head towards the winter. However, we have measures and plans in place that will allow us to continue to provide a full education for those attending school and those learning from home. However, it is also essential that all members of the school community are aware of the actions necessary should a member of your household show symptoms of Covid-19 or test positive. I have enclosed an advice and guidance document with this letter to act as a reminder.

### **School Meals**

For the first half-term it was necessary for all students to bring a packed lunch or receive a packed lunch from the school. However, from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November we will be serving hot-food at break-times and lunchtimes. Whilst we are not able to offer our usual full menus due to the measures we have in place to enable social distancing we will have a 'grab 'n' go' style menu available. The menus are available on our website here: [http://bca.warrington.ac.uk/?page\\_id=346](http://bca.warrington.ac.uk/?page_id=346). Students are still welcome and encouraged to bring their own packed lunch.

### **Cashless System and SIMs Pay**

To reduce the risk of infection the school will be completely cashless from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. If we have your email address you will be sent a link for you to start the process of activating your SIMs Pay account, an easy and effective way to add funds to your child's account so that they may purchase food using our cashless system. **IMPORTANT:** In order for you to receive this link we **MUST** have your email address. Please check your junk folder before contacting us. If you would like to confirm your email address with us, please contact: [mail@bca.warrington.ac.uk](mailto:mail@bca.warrington.ac.uk) or call us on 01925 579500. There is further information on our website about SIMs Pay should you need it here:

[http://bca.warrington.ac.uk/?page\\_id=11696](http://bca.warrington.ac.uk/?page_id=11696)

### **Uniform and PE Kit**

To reduce the risk of Covid-19 spreading in school we have asked students to attend in their PE kits on days they have PE scheduled on their timetable. Below I have outlined what PE kit is permitted.



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Black BCA branded hoodie

Plain black hoodie

BCA branded t-shirt

Black shorts

Black tracksuit/jogging bottoms

Black leggings

Black PE skirt

### **Students should wear their blazer on top of their PE kit**

All of these items can be purchased here <https://alphaschoolwear.com/schools/secondary-schools/beamont-collegiate-academy/> or by visiting Warrington School Wear [50-54 Buttermarket Street, Warrington WA1 2NN](https://www.warringtonschoolwear.co.uk/).

Branded or coloured sportswear that does not adhere to this list will be considered non-uniform and students could be asked to return home to change.

### **Face Masks**

Since 22<sup>nd</sup> September students and staff have been required to wear face masks in communal areas such as corridors and the dining room. Since the introduction of face masks in school we have provided over 2000 disposable masks for students even though our expectation is for students to supply their own face masks. This is clearly not sustainable or affordable for the school or for families to continue to purchase masks in this way. To support families with this and avoid repeat spending on single use masks, from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, we will provide all students with **two** black washable face masks. **We will no longer be providing single use face masks for students.** If students still wish to continue to provide their own face mask they should ensure it is plain black.

### **Enrichment Curriculum**

As you are aware, under normal circumstances we offer an extensive enrichment curriculum to our students. Due to the current circumstances we find ourselves having to move this element of our curriculum online. From next term, students in Years 7, 8 and 9 will be able to access a wide range of enrichment activities through Google Classroom and the school website. All of these resources will be available from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Years 10 and 11 will attend appropriate intervention sessions including having access to our Study Zones after school.

Finally, I'd like to again thank you for the support you continue to give the school and our students through what remains to be an uncertain time.

Yours faithfully



**Mr G Harris**

**Principal**



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