

SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent

Thank you: Covid home-testing

We know how much everyone in the school community is hoping for minimal disruption to learning this term. The school featured on BBC Look East last Thursday, the first day of term, with our students talking about how good it is to be 'back to normal' but also speaking honestly about the importance of continuing with regular home-testing to screen for Covid. Please continue to support your son/daughter using their LFTs on a Sunday and Wednesday. Additional home-testing kits can be collected from the East and West corridors as required; Sixth Form students can collect from the Sixth Form Office. Thank you.

School Closure: 11+ (Friday 17th pm only and Monday 20th all day)

Following the directives of the Department for Education, in Covid-19 guidance, we are required to manage this year's 11+ examination with reduced numbers in each classroom and limited social mixing. We are following the same model of provision as last year.

School will be closed to pupils from 1pm on Friday 17th September, to allow time for cleaning and set-up prior to the traditional 11+ sitting on the Saturday. There will be no facility for pupils to remain on site into the afternoon: please arrange homeward journeys accordingly.

School will remain closed to pupils on Monday 20th September, all day, for a second 11+ sitting followed by cleaning and clear-up.

Thank you for your understanding.

Thank you: journeys to school

Our school commitment to promoting cycling gained widespread news and social media coverage this week. On the first day of term over 150 bikes were photographed in the expanded bike sheds: an image that has now appeared on 400,000 'timelines' – with messages of encouragement from across the world: Finland, Brazil, Australia, France, the United States ... Today, we were able to announce a new record for the school – live on BBC Essex – as we exceeded 200 bikes for the first time.



We understand that not all pupil journeys make sense 'by bike' or 'on foot' but really appreciate the support of parents in promoting 'active transport' choices. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Bevan', followed by a period.

Robin M. Bevan
Headteacher