

SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent,

This letter contains a number of routine reminders as we approach the Easter holiday.

Non-pupil day – 23rd March 2022:

As previously notified, we have a **full non-pupil day, this Wednesday, 23rd March.**

It was already confirmed in the school diary as a non-pupil afternoon with lessons ending at lunchtime for an afternoon of staff development. The change is being made to facilitate the very considerable obligations that have been placed on teaching staff to run two qualification/assessment systems in parallel: although we have every reason to believe examinations will take place as usual in the Summer, teachers are still required to be in a position to generate a full, evidence-based, verifiable set of teacher-assessed grades. For our school, this involves the collation of assignments to support over 3500 individual grade submissions: a challenge that necessitates additional time for rigorous moderation.

End of term – 1st April 2022

Following the same end of term pattern that the school followed at Christmas, the last day of the Spring Term will culminate with a final assembly from 11.30am. **We expect pupils to be leaving the site from 12.15pm.** There will be no facility for individual pupils to remain on-site after 12.30pm. Please ensure that appropriate transport arrangements are in place to ensure your son/daughter can make a safe journey home, ready to enjoy the holiday period.

Term resumes on Tuesday 19th April, immediately following the Easter bank holiday. This will be a normal school day, with lesson starting at 8.30am.



Covid update

In line with the updated national guidance, the school continues to operate a variety of simple risk mitigation measures including classroom ventilation.

We are well aware that everyone in the school community wants to see 'everything back to normal'. We are doing our best to ensure provision is uninterrupted; however, we are experiencing higher-than-normal levels of sickness absence amongst our staff, as 'omicron' remains a contributory factor in sustained periods of ill-health.

As has always been good practice, pupils who are unwell should not attend school especially if they are likely to spread an infection. It is also sensible and helpful to allow an adequate period of recovery: typically at least one full day of 'feeling fine' before returning, rather than struggling back in a depleted state.

Those who suspect they may have Covid are encouraged to undertake an LFT. If this is positive, then the recommendation is a minimum period of 'isolation' of five days which can be ended after that period with two successive negative LFTs, twenty-four hours apart. *The school has a residual stock of LFT kits which can be obtained on request from pastoral leaders.*

Yours sincerely

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

Robin M. Bevan
Headteacher