



1st April 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

We have come to the end of this spring term, and yet again it was not as expected. We started in lockdown with remote learning and then since March we have been back in school.

COVID Testing

The vast majority of students took part in the Covid testing and are continuing to test at home twice a week.

It is very important that if we do not want to return to further isolation and school closures that we continue to test twice weekly at home over the Easter holidays and on Sunday 18th April on the day before they return. Your child has been given home test kits and other households members can order tests online via the link below:

[Schools, nurseries and colleges testing: order coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow home test kits - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/schools-nurseries-and-colleges-testing-order-coronavirus-covid-19-rapid-lateral-flow-home-test-kits)

As a school we will be helping track and trace until Wednesday 7th April so if there is a positive result please inform the school via the email address:

bpacovidalert@elatschools.co.uk

Uniform expectations

As a school with high standards around uniform and conduct, I would like to remind parents of the following expectations:-

- No jewellery, including earrings and studs.
- Only discreet makeup is allowed in school.
- Students must wear school shoes and not trainers.
- Students must wear a school blazer; no other jumper or top other than a school jumper can be worn under the blazer.
- Mobile phones are not allowed to be used on the school site; they must be switched off and put away.
- Smart watches are not allowed.
- Students are not allowed to bring energy drinks or fizzy drinks to school.



As before, students should attend school dressed in their PE kit on the day when they have PE. This must be the full school PE kit and they must not have other sports training wear instead. Students can wear school trousers or a skirt over their shorts. Students should also wear their school blazers over their PE kit. If for any reason the school PE kit is not available, they must have a note explaining why and should wear their normal school uniform and change, as we do have facilities for some students to change safely.

Shops will be re-opening on April 12th so this will give one week to sort out any outstanding issues regarding uniform. When we **return to school on Monday 19th April** we will be having a focus on school uniform. Items that are not allowed will be confiscated. Where incorrect uniform is worn, either parents will be asked to bring correct items to school or students will be sent home to change.

Please support the school by checking that your child has full school uniform before they leave home; if there is an issue please write your child a note. I am very proud of how the majority of our students present themselves and we must ensure our high standards are followed by all as this is important in maintaining Bower Park Academy's good reputation in the community.

I hope that you all enjoy the Easter break. It will be a time to refresh and recharge batteries ready for the next term.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Deen', with a stylized flourish at the end.

S Deen
Principal