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Per Email For Information for Mauricewood parents

Beeslack High School Covid Update

Following a number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the Pentland area, and as a precautionary measure, Beeslack High School will move to a mix of in-person and remote learning from Monday (17 May).

At a meeting held earlier this afternoon with public health/NHS partners, the decision was taken to move S1 and S2 to remote learning to ensure the school has the teaching capacity to remain open.

All other year groups should continue to attend school. However, pupils and staff are being recommended to take lateral flow tests at home before returning to school on Monday, and staying at home to self-isolate should they test positive.

The school will communicate directly with parents, carers and students about these arrangements, which are likely to be in place for most of next week and will be reviewed on a daily basis.

Mauricewood Primary School, which moved to remote learning from Tuesday of this week (from 11 May) due to a COVID-19 outbreak in the community, will continue with remote learning for most of next week, with the situation kept under regular review. Parents and carers will be kept notified directly of these arrangements.

Given the current outbreak, and higher risk of transmission in the area, the siblings of children who have been identified as a close contact are also now being asked to self-isolate, until the individual who has been identified as a close contact has had a PCR test and has received their test result. The schools will provide more information to families on the isolation period for siblings of close contacts.

Yours sincerely

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