

21<sup>st</sup> May 2020

Dear Pupil, Parent and Carer,

### Half Term and School Re-opening

As we head towards the May half term break after several months of change and uncertainty, I am writing to you all to say thank you for your continued support throughout this time.

Since the initial government announcement about the likelihood of schools re-opening on the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020, there have been frequent changes and more uncertainty created every day. Until May 28<sup>th</sup> 2020, we will not know for sure what the final decision is and therefore we are working to 8<sup>th</sup> June at the very earliest before any child will return as part of the Reopening Phase.

We will notify you in the week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> June as to exactly what we are doing but rest assured our extensive planning is focused on ensuring all government guidelines are met to reduce risk on reopening for both pupils and staff.

Health and Safety of both pupils and staff will be our fundamental focus to ensure that everyone is safe whilst on site. As a consequence of this, certain rules will be necessary and non-negotiable at any point. As a school and parents, we need to work together to ensure all the pupils are aware that if these rules are broken a child will be asked to remain at home until we can be confident their return to school does not compromise the safety of others. These rules include:

- All children will have their temperature taken as they arrive to school. If they refuse or their temperature is deemed as high, they will be sent home immediately. If you are not happy for them to be sent home or you are unable to collect them if the school calls you, then do not send them into school during the phased return.
- Social distancing will be expected to be followed at all times and if a child breaches this continuously then they will be sent home. They will remain at home until such time as we can be confident they are able to manage their conduct appropriately.
- There will be stringent rules regarding hand washing throughout the day.
- PPE maybe worn by staff but we will not be providing any for children at this point apart from hand sanitiser and soap to wash hands.
- If a child needs to be positively handled then they will be sent home. They will then follow virtual learning for a significant period of time.

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- Those children who are not in school will continue to follow virtual learning programmes provided by the school and welfare checks will continue as they have done for the last few months.
- FSM vouchers will be reviewed following central government advice as schools are re-opened and we will let you know if and when any changes occur.
- On return to school, pupils must not bring anything, other than a water bottle into school, as there will be no access to lockers.

We realise this has been a very challenging time for all families and please be assured that we want to ensure the re-opening phase is successful and all children and staff are kept safe and well.

At this stage if you have any questions please email [sarah.gordon@bromleybeaconacademy.org.uk](mailto:sarah.gordon@bromleybeaconacademy.org.uk) and we will endeavour to get back to you ASAP.

We will provide any further key updates through calls with parents and also publish them on our websites.

I wish you all the very best over the half term break and please stay safe.

Yours faithfully



Neil Miller  
Executive Headteacher