



Bramcote College

A member of The White Hills Park Trust

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Dear Parents/Carers

Following Sunday's announcement regarding the planned re-opening of schools for face to face provision for years 10 and 12, I thought it would be useful to share our most immediate thoughts and plans with you.

As you will be aware, we are providing resources remotely/online for children to continue learning at home. It is disappointing that many of our children, those in years 7-9, will not be in school until September. It had been my hope that they would have been included in some of the thinking behind face to face provision.

We met with parents at Parent Forum via Zoom last week. Feedback regarding school's support and provision was overwhelmingly positive and we are grateful for the way in which parents have engaged with and supported staff. Our priority over the next few weeks will be ensuring we can continue to deliver online learning and paper resources when appropriate. We have listened to feedback regarding our online learning provision. Mrs Read is contacting parents of years 7 and 8 to ensure we are supporting the learning of our students and working with parents to do this in a meaningful and manageable way. We will also be contacting parents of Years 9 and 10 to look at how we might further improve the learning for children at home. We recognise that for some children, the lack of suitable IT devices and internet may be creating some barriers to learning. We cannot promise to provide IT devices for all the children that need them but will be looking at other ways in which we can support learning remotely.

We will continue to offer provision for the children of key workers and those with social workers. For years 7-9 this provision is the supervision of online learning in school which all the students have access to.

For students in years 10 and 12, we have started to plan for face to face provision at Bramcote College after the half term. At the moment we think this may happen sometime within the first few weeks after half term. We will be discussing potential plans with staff and governors so that there is a clear and structured plan in place. I also want to acknowledge that you may be considering whether or not you want your children in Year 10 and 12 attending school. Our aim is to work towards a plan which keeps children and staff safe. At the moment the plan is that Years 10 and 12 will be on site in a part- time capacity, with a timetable that enables some face to face provision but limiting the need for much movement around school. We will be speaking to our staff early next week to establish the routines and expectations for students when they return.

Although we are drawing up plans, they are contingent on the national conditions identified by professional organisations. We will not be opening school to Years 10 and 12 unless we are completely satisfied that we can keep staff and students safe. Please check our Facebook page as regular updates will be added.

I want to sincerely thank you for your support at this time. Your children continue to matter deeply to us and we are saddened about not being able to 'be school' in the way that we would like.

We are planning on holding the next Parent Forum on Thursday 4th June at 6pm via Zoom. Please register your interest and submit questions to: parents@bramcote.college

Please contact me directly regarding any issues regarding the provision for Year 10s and Year12s. Issues concerning remote learning for Years 7-9 and 12 should be directed to the relevant Head of Year in the first instance. Please bear with us as we put together a plan, which we aim to share with parents over the coming weeks.

Best wishes,

Heidi Gale
Headteacher