



BROOMFIELD SCHOOL

Head Teacher: Mr P. P. Travis

23rd April 2020.

Dear Parents/Carers and Pupils,

We hope that you and your families have had an enjoyable Easter break and that you are all keeping well and coping with the lockdown. Along with this letter you will also be receiving a letter for our new Chair of Governors, Dr Gregory Thwaites.

As you will no doubt be aware from the news, schools remain closed to pupils other than to those pupils who are classed as vulnerable or the children of key workers. Broomfield School has been open to such pupils and continues to remain open to such pupils. Broomfield School is playing its full role in supporting the local community and the national effort against the coronavirus.

For the majority of pupils, the School, along with workplaces generally, remains under lockdown. As we are aware this is to limit the spread of the virus with a view to keeping all as safe as is reasonably possible.

At this stage, it is not at all clear when the Government is to relax this lockdown. However, it is clear that this will not yet be for a number of weeks. To support our pupils pastorally and in their learning we have put a number of measures in place and these are to be extended and developed as outlined below.

Pastoral Support

- Helplines and contact points are available on the School's website and App (*MyEd*), should any pupil or parent have a concern. Please do not hesitate to contact us or another suitable agency should you need to do so.
- Those families eligible for free-school meals should be receiving vouchers through the Government scheme run by the School. Please let us know if you are not yet receiving these.
- Assemblies from your Achievement Directors have been placed on the website this week.
- We are hoping in due course to organise telephone calls from your form teachers.
- On-line careers guidance is also to become more available and you should hear more about this shortly.
- Liaising with Enfield Behaviour Support Services (BSS), a number of pupils who have been or are eligible to be contacted by one of the BSS mentors should be contacted in the coming days. Parents of those to whom this applies should have already been informed of this.
- Our Counselling service is also looking to become available via telephone. This will clearly not be identical to the face-to-face conversations that have previously taken place. Further details will be made available shortly.



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Learning Support

- From the beginning of the lockdown, work has been placed on the website. This has included special holiday work so that no pupil need have been bored over the Easter holiday period. Please keep the work you have been doing safe so that you might return it to your teachers when we are all back together again.
- This work has often included the use of learning platforms and we are aiming to extend the learning-platform provision so that all pupils can send their work back to their teachers for marking and then make a 'green pen' response in due course. The platform we are aiming to use widely is *Google Classrooms*. You will hear more about this from us shortly.
- Year 11 have found themselves in a particularly strange position. We would urge them however to keep up their studies and work has been placed on the website for this purpose. We shall shortly be including for Year 11 'bridging work' in each subject. This is work that will prepare you for your studies in sixth form or college next academic year.
- There will be a number of pupils who have limited access to the website and online learning. We have been attempting to identify you so that we might provide work to you by other means. Please do let us know should working using the internet be problematic for you. You may also be aware that the Government is looking to provide certain families with laptops and Wi-Fi. We are looking closely at this for you.

It is clear that your welfare and safety is paramount and should we be able to help you further, please do not hesitate to contact us. It is also clear that continued learning is vitally important. It is important to have a structured and purposeful day otherwise we can become very unhappy, particularly if we are stuck in doors for most of the day. We must also remember that School will be back to normal in due course and you must not have fallen behind with your studies or this is going to affect your future progress and success.

None of us, I am sure, would choose the lockdown if it were not necessary, but please do remember that it creates opportunities that were not available before. Some of these are:

- truly learning how to do private study; something that is extremely important for success at university and in the work or work;
- having the time to read lots of books and to develop a real love of reading;
- picking up a new hobby – perhaps fitness or yoga or baking.

We wish you all the best and look forward to being able to get the School back to normal. In the meanwhile, please keep safe and contact us should you have any concerns or worries.

Yours faithfully,

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