



22nd May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Update Regarding Partial Reopening of Schools

We hope that you all continue to stay safe and well during the current lockdown. We last wrote to you on Tuesday 12th May regarding the government's intention for schools to partially reopen after 1st June and when they believe it is safe to do so. As you will be aware the government stated that this partial reopening will be for children in reception, year 1 and year 6, with some "face to face" contact for Year 10 students as well. The government have also said that they will only confirm this partial reopening following scientific advice on the 28th May.

You will also be aware that during the period of the lockdown, and during the Easter holidays, school has been open to the children of key workers and a small number of other children who have been invited for specific reasons.

Staff have been working hard to ensure that when the partial reopening occurs it can be done in a safe way, in consultation with Fairfax Multi-Academy Trust and with reference to government guidance. We are writing to you now to let you know our current progress.

Information for children of key workers and other invited students:

- School will be closed to **all** students during half term week 25th – 29th May.
- School will open for your child on Monday 1st June.
- **Please do not send your child into school on Monday 1st June unless your child has already been attending as part of this group.**
- If your child is eligible to attend but has not previously done so please contact dovey.j@bournville.bham.sch.uk to discuss this matter if you feel they should attend.

Information for children in Reception, Year 1, Year 6 and Year 10:

- The information below may be subject to change, particularly in light of the government's scheduled announcement on May 28th, but we are sharing it with you to help you begin to plan in advance.
- **Reception:** students will return on **Tuesday June 2nd.**
- **Year 1:** students will return on **Thursday June 4th.**
- **Year 6:** students will be invited in for pastoral meetings the week **beginning June 8th** with a wider return on a part time basis from the **week beginning June 15th.**
- **Year 10:** students will be invited in for pastoral meetings the **week beginning June 8th** This session will be in a small group (no more than 6 other year 10s) and will last approximately 45 minutes to an hour. **From week beginning June 15th** there will be some face to face contact twice per week where students will access face-to-face teaching in English, Mathematics and Science. This will focus on consolidating home learning that has taken place and supporting pupils with their home-learning for the following week.

It is anticipated that all pupils in these year groups will access this provision unless they are shielding or medically unable to attend. Please note, shielding is not the same as social distancing. Shielding is a measure to protect those who are at greatest risk of severe illness from coronavirus (Covid-19) from coming into contact with the virus. Clinically extremely vulnerable people are recommended to shield to protect themselves. People who are clinically extremely vulnerable should have received a letter telling them they're in this group or been told by their GP. Where pupils are shielding they will be supported by school staff to continue learning from home.

I appreciate that the thought of your child returning to the Academy may cause some apprehension, please let me assure you that the Academy will follow government guidance and take every reasonable measure to protect the safety of both staff and pupils. A full risk-assessment has been completed and there will be a variety of robust measures in place to protect all. This includes;

- Enhanced cleaning regimes;
- Limited numbers of pupils and adults on site each day;
- Pupils will be taught in 'bubbles'; pupils in one class (bubble) will not mix with pupils in another class;
- Teaching spaces have been carefully selected so that they are easy to clean regularly and to enable social distancing. All teaching spaces will be within easy access to hand washing facilities;
- Pupils will remain in one teaching space only; teachers will come to the children, thus limiting movement and social contact;
- Pupils will attend on a rotation basis and will be in school for only a few hours at a time, reducing contact with others;
- Social distancing will be adhered to at all times.

Pupils will be expected to wear their school uniform when they attend school. Year 10 students are welcome to leave their blazers at home; this is because it is recommended that clothing is washed on the return home from school.

I will write to you again shortly after half term to let you know when, what time and for how long, your child should attend school and with further details concerning arrangements to keep everyone safe.

Information for children in all other year groups:

- Following the government guidance school will remain closed to your child for the foreseeable future. Please continue to complete the school work set for your child.
- Should you wish to contact the school please email your child's head of year (secondary) or class teacher (primary) or email post@bournville.bham.sch.uk

The team at Bournville School appreciate that it will be difficult for a number of our pupils to return to school. Please be assured that the staff are really looking forward to welcoming pupils back and we will do all we can to make these difficult times easier for them.

Once again we would like to reassure all parents and carers that the safety and welfare of your child is our greatest concern. We hope you remain safe and well.

Yours faithfully

Miss M Green
Head of Academy