

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July



**BRADGATE**  
Education Partnership

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## **FAO All Parents/Carers of Bradgate Education Partnership**

Dear All

### **Re: Arrangements for the re-opening of schools in August**

**Firstly, and as ever, thanks for your ongoing support. Although we are still awaiting further guidance from the government I am writing today to outline the plans we are setting in place to fully re-open our schools in August – clearly if any of this changes we will keep you posted.**

**Our current plan is to begin fully opening all schools from Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August.** Each of our schools will implement local arrangements, with some year groups potentially starting on different days to allow a smooth transition back, but your head teacher will be in touch with further details.

### **On-going adjustments**

Clearly there will remain some long-term adjustments to how our schools operate, such as additional cleaning, changes to dining arrangements and adjustments to movement around our sites. However, we will be trying to make school look and feel as ‘normal’ as possible upon return. We are planning for pupils to return in full classes – therefore whilst we will take a sensible approach, social-distancing measures in a school cannot be guaranteed.

### **Curriculum & catch –up**

Our head teachers and their staff are currently planning the ‘catch-up’ curriculum for the Autumn, and we are confident that we can make significant steps to close any learning gaps during the Autumn term. We are awaiting further details on the government’s ‘catch-up fund’ but are already looking at the possibility of additional tuition and resources for those pupils most in need. We are also awaiting confirmation on any changes to policy the government may take around statutory assessments – for example pushing back the dates for exams in year groups such as Y6, 11 and 13.

### **Trust Parental Survey**

Thank you enormously to everyone who responded to our survey: the outcomes genuinely help us to shape our plans.

### **Summer Schools**

Regrettably, we have still received no contact from the government regarding the possibility of any Summer schools and as stated in our previous correspondence we will be concentrating our efforts on ensuring the August return is fully planned and resourced.

### **Holidays & Quarantine**

We fully expect the current quarantine rules for people returning from areas such as the EU to be reviewed, and hopefully we will have a clearer picture before we finish from the Summer. However, if you think you and your child may be affected by the quarantine rules upon your return from a visit and that this may affect your child’s return to school in August we would ask you to speak with your child’s school.

## **Pupils not returning**

It is possible that some pupils may remain in a critically vulnerable group and may not be able to return safely in August. We are currently putting in place contingency plans to ensure these pupils are temporarily supported online. Although it has not yet been formally announced by the government we expect that all pupils will be expected to return.

## **Before and after-school care**

We know that these are crucial services for our families and we are currently looking at whether we can provide these in August. We are hopeful we will have them up and running quite swiftly as soon as the government guidance allows but we would urge you not to rely them on them at the very start of term. Again, head teachers will communicate local arrangements with you.

## **Further communication**

We do not expect any further sweeping changes to government policy that would affect our schools before the Summer. Therefore, we will be in touch with you during the Summer to confirm the final arrangements for your child's return. This is likely to be in the week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> August.

## **Closure Policy**

It is likely that the current closure policy we are operating for our 'bubbles' will be reviewed for the start of next term and we may move to notification and closure following a positive test for Covid19 instead of our current policy of closing following a suspected case.

Thank you again for your support, we hope you have a good Summer and look forward to seeing you all in August.

**Yours Sincerely**



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