

29/03/2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to start by thanking you for your support of the school during these unprecedented times. This has certainly been a difficult period to be a Head of School and I am incredibly grateful to have been able to rely on your goodwill and belief that, at all times, my senior leadership team and I have taken decisions in the best interests of all the students and staff.

Since the full reopening of the schools on 8th March, our school (Bromley Site) have worked with all of you to ensure we returned to normality as best as suited for continued education of all our students. We have returned to normal lessons, ensuring we were Covid-19 safe and all students attending have been very understanding and cooperative to ensure we all felt safe in school. To this, I am very grateful. We have also followed the government guidelines for all schools, and have continued our Covid testing twice every week among all staff and students. I can report that; we have had no positive testing outcome.

Next week beginning 1st April 2021, we are looking forward to our Easter holidays. I am sure you will agree that both staff and students have earned a well -deserved break.

The DfE has confirmed that both staff and students would have to continue testing twice weekly, three days apart during the Easter Holidays. Hence your child would be provided with at least 6 LFD Testing Kits to administer and report to NHS Test and Trace team. These would be 2 boxes of 3 tests each.

The school will continue with contact tracing over Easter, similar to the arrangements over Christmas. All Staff, students, parents and carers only need to inform the school of a positive case where they developed symptoms within 48 hours of being at school. Schools will assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in their education setting. For the first 6 days after teaching ends, if a student or staff tests positive for coronavirus (COVID 19), having developed symptoms **within 48 hours of being in school**, Parents/Carers are advised **to contact Rani or the school immediately, via email Kuldip.chahal@bromleybeaconacademy.org.uk Or by phone on 07718326233**

It also advised that where students or staff test positive for Covid-19 during the holidays, having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, they should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

You may have heard on the news about cancellation of formal examinations this summer and schools are to submit teacher assessed grades to examination boards for certification. In view of that, all year 11 will be provided either with work packs or expected to complete tasks on our online platform

ShowMyHomework. This will provide further substantive evidence to support assessed grades for summer examinations.

So far this term most of our students have behaved impeccably well and it's a credit to them. However, there is a small minority of students who are letting themselves and school down within our neighbourhood community. Hence we have been taking advice from the Bromley School's Police Team, and from 19th April 2021, all students would be expected to come straight into the school building when they alight from their respective transport or minicabs. No student would be allowed to go the shops in the mornings before school.

Secondly the Police informs us the Electric Scooters are legal on the roads, but illegal on pavements as well as ridden without insurance. Hence no student would be allowed to ride one into school. Any student who brings his or her scooter into school will have it confiscated and passed on to the police.

It has been a journey of ups and downs but with the R rate of Covid-19 going down, I hope you will take some time out to enjoy the holidays within the guidelines. When given the opportunity, please take the vaccine to keep your bubble safe. I look forward to seeing you all on the 19th April 2021 when the school reopens fully for the summer term.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or feel free to discuss this letter with the staff member of our welfare programme.

With very best wishes to you all.

Mr Philip Tagoe
Head of School