



Blackfen School for Girls

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Dear Parent/Carers,

21st May 2020

As we reach half term, I write to you to update you on the latest developments in regards to the opening of schools to more students and what this may look like for Blackfen school.

We have spoken with most young people and families over the last month and it has been good to have this contact. We have responded to your feedback to make any necessary changes as appropriate.

During half term staff will not be available to set lesson work or to answer any learning queries on Teams. "Lessons" and learning for students will begin again on Monday 1 June 2020. It is important that everyone takes a break from this direct and often intensive style of learning and teaching at this time although I realise that some work will still need to be completed over half term.

The school remains open for vulnerable students and for children of critical workers both from Tuesday 26 May 2020 to Friday 29 May 2020 for half term activities (9.00 to 3.00) and from 1 June. Please let the school know if your child will be attending either over half term or after half term if your child has not attended before.

The most recent government guidance states:-

Secondary schools, sixth form, and further education colleges to begin some face to face support with year 10 and 12 pupils, although we do not expect these pupils to return on a full-time basis at this stage. For pupils in year 10 and 12, we are asking schools and colleges to supplement remote education with some face to face support for these year groups from 1 June. We do not expect these pupils to return to school or college on a full-time basis at this stage, and so we do not expect a full timetable to be offered as schools and colleges look to minimise the number of pupils in school or college each day. Schools and colleges should consider how to best use additional year 10 and 12 time to support those pupils who are starting their final year of study for GCSEs, A levels and other qualifications next academic year.

I have discussed this guidance with staff and with governors and, during the next few weeks, we will be working to meet this ambition. I have set up a very draft timetable for this to happen but please note that this is very tentative and is not confirmed.

Year 12

Students will have some blocks of face-to-face taught time in different subject areas from Monday 8 June 2020.

This will supplement their remote learning.



Year 10

Students will have some 1-1 face-to-face support from Monday 8 June 2020.

Students will have some blocks of face-to-face taught time in different subject areas from Monday 15 June 2020.

This will supplement their remote learning.

Years 7 – 9

Students will continue to be provided with learning on-line through Teams. For any student who is not able to access on line learning provision will be put in place. Please contact the school if there are any issues.

Clearly, the main consideration will continue to be the health and safety of all staff and students in the school and I can assure you that necessary work is taking place to ensure that the school is ready to open to more students.

I will write to you again during week beginning 1 June 2020. We will then have a clearer picture of what the second half term will look like and what the latest guidance is telling us about any lockdown restrictions. This will enable us to confirm a timeframe for opening of the school to more students and what the specifics are around this. I am sure at that stage many of the questions you probably have now will have been answered.

Finally, I would like to thank the staff, on your behalf, for their ongoing work to provide education for your daughter/son. I also thank you for your ongoing work in difficult circumstances and for your messages of support.

If you have any pressing concerns or questions please contact the school via email (admin@blackfen.bexley.sch.uk) and we will do what we can to answer them. In the meantime, I hope that your family are well and that they are staying safe.

With my best wishes,



Matthew Brown
Head Teacher

