

A message from Mr Brown  
Friday 3 April 2020

"If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward."

Dear Blackfen students

What words of wisdom these are from Martin Luther King. It does not matter how fast you go and how you get there. The important thing is to keep moving forward, piece by piece.

There are lots of barriers to what we can do at the present time and even if we cannot physically move forward we need to mentally keep going ahead.

I cannot wait for the time when I write to you to inform you that the school is re-opening for you. Sadly, as we approach what would normally be the Easter break, there is no immediate prospect of this happening and I have written to your parents/carers today to this effect.

Normally we would be leaving school early for the end of term, year 7 would have done their Easter egg hunt and we would be wishing you a happy Easter at the gate. These are not normal times and we have to put these things to one side and do what we can to respond to the situation we face. This means maintaining social distancing rules and staying at home, as far as you can.

Some of you will be seeking some additional help and support at this time. We have signposted information on the school website under Covid-19. This has suggestions of where you can go to seek help or where you can tell your friends to go and seek help if they are unsure, uncertain and anxious at this time.

The key at the moment is to look after yourselves, look after each other and look after your families. Most importantly keep moving forward.

I will write to you again at the start of the "summer term".

Best wishes  
Matthew Brown