



SST/ARA

5th May 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope this letter finds you safe and well. As you are aware I will take over as Associate Principal at Brooke Weston Academy from the **8<sup>th</sup> May 2020** as Peter Kirkbride leaves for his new role. I wanted to take an opportunity to thank you for your support that you have offered the staff at Brooke Weston Academy, they are doing an incredible job in difficult circumstances and I know they really value this and the kind messages that have been sent to the Academy and its staff throughout our time in closure.

### Upcoming events

Although we are all awaiting clarification from the government on the COVID-19 exit plan, I wanted to highlight some important dates for you to be aware of:

- ◆ This week the early spring **bank holiday** is on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day
- ◆ This is then followed by the **May holiday**, which starts on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May and ends on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May
- ◆ The late spring **bank holiday** is on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May, and
- ◆ Brooke Weston Academy has a **teacher training day** on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May

### Holiday procedures

If you are a key worker and/or it has been agreed that your son/daughter is attending Brooke Weston Academy the school will remain open over the bank holidays, May break and training day. For the rest of the students and staff that are not in school, we are going to take a break from online learning and staff will not be required to set any assignments or be available for lessons/queries. If students wish to continue with work that has been set or catch-up with anything from earlier in the term, they are welcome to, but I would encourage them to also take a break.

### Safeguarding

Safeguarding is at the heart of everything we do at Brooke Weston Academy. However, during such uncertain times and due to school closures, it is important that we ensure parents/carers know who to contact if they are concerned about the welfare or safety of a child.

If you are concerned about the safety or welfare of a child, please contact our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs). You can find their contact details on our school website [www.brookeweston.org](http://www.brookeweston.org)

If you are concerned about the safety or welfare of a child out of school hours please contact the MASH team on 0300 126 1000 (option 1). Alternatively, you can e-mail them on [MASH@northamptonshire.gcsx.gov.uk](mailto:MASH@northamptonshire.gcsx.gov.uk)

If you think a child is in immediate danger or missing, you should contact the police and/or an ambulance directly by phoning **999**.

## **Student learning at home**

As a school we have put a comprehensive plan in place to ensure that a rich online curriculum can be delivered by our staff to our students for the duration of the school closure. Unless the government announces something different, all lessons and school resources will continue to be made available and delivered to students via Microsoft Teams.

Upon return to school the legacy of COVID-19 on learning will be apparent, and although we will do everything in our power to close this gap, the work students are doing now cannot be underestimated. As such in Term 5, Brooke Weston Academy is going to review online work expectations in order to ensure students continue to make progress. This is especially important for students in years 10 and 12 who will enter their examinations in September and will sit exams in May 2021.

Should you or your child have any queries in regards to Microsoft Teams please view the information on our website under “**Students**”. Links to the Teams folder are also supplied there along with student instructions:

<https://www.brookeweston.org/page/?title=Our+Students&pid=16>

If you have any questions regarding the curriculum, subjects or work, please contact your teacher in the first instance via email or Teams. However they may be unavailable, so in this instance please contact:

[CurriculumSupport@brookeweston.org](mailto:CurriculumSupport@brookeweston.org)

If you have issues with Teams or Office 365 please contact: [ITStudentSupport@brookeweston.org](mailto:ITStudentSupport@brookeweston.org)

**Please note:** IT support cannot resolve issues with hardware or Internet at home.

## **Contact moving forward**

We will continue to keep you updated as we find out more, please check our school website for daily for updates <https://www.brookeweston.org>. We are in a very fast moving situation and information can change daily. When we have updates, we will add information to the website and use texts where necessary.

## **Coronavirus**

Please also keep updated on the Government information regarding Coronavirus on

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>.

## **Conclusion**

I want to finish by thanking you again for your fantastic support to both myself and the staff at Brooke Weston Academy over this time. We have received so many lovely comments from parents which make a real difference. I am so proud of the incredible hard work of the entire staff team, the resilience of our students and the support we have received from our parents. Despite the current challenges, I know that this will pass and Brooke Weston Academy will be back open, ready to continue to provide an outstanding education to its students.

Please look after yourselves and your families during this uncertain time and we are looking forward to seeing all of our students back in Brooke Weston Academy as soon as is possible. I hope that you find the break from learning tasks welcome and that you are able to spend time with your families.

Yours sincerely



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