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11th May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Coronavirus Act 2020 Modification of section 42 of the Children and Families Act 2014 (England) Notice 2020

I hope this letter finds you and your families well in these unprecedented times. You may have seen in the news that the Secretary of State for Education, Gavin Williamson, has issued a modification notice for section 42 of the Children and Families Act 2014. This modifies the duty on local authorities to secure special educational provision and on health commissioning bodies to arrange health provision as set out in Education Health and Care Plans. Reasonable endeavours need to be used where provision cannot be provided as an appropriate and proportionate action relating to the incidence or transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19). The notice applies from 1 May 2020 to 31 May 2020. The full modification can be found at:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/882290/CV19_Act_modification_notice_SEND.pdf

We would like to reassure you that school staff are doing everything possible, within the resources available, to maintain provision and continue to support the education of your children. If you have any concerns please raise these with the Mrs Annable, the school's SENCO. You can also contact the Information, Advice and Support Service, information about this independent service can be found at:

<http://www.iassnorthants.co.uk/Pages/home.aspx>

<https://cyp.iassnetwork.org.uk/service/parent-partnership-service-providing-cambridgeshires-sendiass/>

There is also further information on the Local Offer at:

<https://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/send/local-offer/Pages/default.aspx>

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/local-offer/about-cambridgeshire-s-local-offer>

A leaflet has also been issued by NCC with possible activities and advice at:

[https://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/SEND/local-offer/Documents/NCC%20Local%20Offer%20-20Lockdown%20Resources%20for%20Families%20\(PDF%201MB\).pdf](https://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/SEND/local-offer/Documents/NCC%20Local%20Offer%20-20Lockdown%20Resources%20for%20Families%20(PDF%201MB).pdf)

We do understand this is a challenging and unique time for you and your children. It is important to take time for wellbeing and further information about this can be found on the schools website. If you would like to discuss anything further, or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Annable aannable@brookeweston.org.

Yours sincerely

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