



SST/ACA

8th July 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. As we approach the end of this extraordinary academic year, we are already looking forward to welcoming everyone back into school next Academic Year. A school is a community and sadly for too long now we have not been able to be together.

From **Friday 17th July**, Brooke Weston Academy will be closed to all students for the 4 week summer break and includes any children who have continued to attend school during the partial school closure, for example, key worker children. As such I thought I should update you on the work we are doing to ensure we re-open safely for all our children and staff at Brooke Weston Academy next term. I set the main stages of this work out below.

Actions we are taking before the end of term

1. Completing a risk assessment for full reopening which addresses all the points in the latest government and Public Health England guidance for schools.
2. Developing a re-opening plan where all risks are mitigated as far as possible and beginning consultation on the draft plan with our staff.

Actions during the summer holiday

1. Completing consultation with staff, governors and unions.
2. Getting formal approval for our re-opening plans from the Brooke Weston Trust board.
3. Publishing information to you and your child(ren) about the reopening of Brooke Weston Academy and how you can help us to get off to a good start. We intend to send this information to you in the week beginning 10th August 2020, as waiting until then means we can respond to any further changes in the guidance in the days ahead.

Based on the current DfE guidance, the school will be open to all students (next year's Years 8-11 and 13) from **Tuesday 18th August 2020**, following a staff training day on Monday 17th August 2020. The school will also close for a second training day on 1st September 2020, due to a bank holiday on Monday 31st August.

We hope that your child has engaged well with the online learning platform (Microsoft Teams) during our period of school closure. The online learning platform will continue to form a part of your child's curriculum, even after normal lesson delivery resumes, and will provide a source of support with the summer catch up packs during the break. Along with this, we have been working hard to embed a catch up curriculum for all students to ensure that any knowledge gaps due to school closure are supported as well as their transition back into a full time live curriculum delivery.

If you have any questions about the content of this letter please contact me on enquiries@brookeweston.org, and we look forward to welcoming all of our students back in the new academic year.

Yours sincerely



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