



Our Reference: KH/GHR
1st June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Summer Term – welcome back

I hope you were able to enjoy the half term break, given the lovely weather and the slight easing of Covid-19 restrictions. We enter the final half term of the year under very unusual circumstances, but with much of the usual planning for next academic year underway. For example, planning continues around Year 6 to 7 transition, next year's timetable and sixth form induction programmes. This letter is intended to provide you with important information for the term ahead.

Years 10 and 12 – re-opening of school

Further to my update to you on 21st May and, following the latest guidance from the Department for Education (DfE), I am able to confirm that plans are in place to re-open school to Year 10 and 12 students on a part-time basis from **15th June**. The DfE guidance is provided [here](#). School teams have been working tirelessly to plan how this will work at Brookfield. Further information will be communicated later this week to the parents of Year 10 and 12 students.

Years 7 to 9

We are not able to offer any in-school provision for students in these years at this time and we will continue to provide work through our existing online arrangements. We are currently developing approaches that will see both a wider range of activities, along with introducing more on-line video-based lessons and opportunities for feedback and support from teachers. Further information on this will follow for all parents in due course.

Remote Learning Survey - changes

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents and students who responded to the remote learning surveys that were set two weeks ago. There was a tremendous response and your opinions are always valued and useful in shaping future plans. Based on the analysis of these surveys, the changes below will be implemented from the 1st June:

- **Work time limits** - in response to many parents stating that their children were finding it challenging to complete all of the tasks, staff have been asked to plan work that does not exceed the agreed time allocation. If any student completes all the work and would like something extra they can choose any of the daily tasks on the BBC Bitesize website. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons>
- **Instructions for work** - staff will endeavor to ensure the clarity of instructions for each of the tasks set, breaking down the work into small manageable chunks. Students/parents who require any extra support in understanding a task can notify their teacher on Show My Homework (SMHW).
- **Timetabled work** - teachers will ensure that all work is set on the specific timetabled day, with at least a week provided for it to be completed. For any extended pieces of work the teacher will provide the students with weekly guidance to provide structure and to enable them to plan their working week.



- **Format of documents** - staff have been reminded to upload resources in both Word and PDF versions to allow access to students with different hardware systems. To reduce the need to print off worksheets, students are reminded that, where possible, they can complete the work directly onto the resource sent and then upload it back to the teacher for feedback via SMHW.
- **Extension work** - any extension projects/tasks provided by staff will be clearly marked 'optional'. Students can choose to complete these pieces of work but they should not feel that they are compulsory.
- **Deadlines** – staff will continue to be very understanding regarding deadlines. We fully appreciate that everyone's circumstances are different and we do not want students or parents becoming anxious if they are struggling to complete a piece of work on time. Both students and parents should be proud of what they are achieving at home and all staff at school fully recognise this and the challenges posed.
- **Live lessons** – we are exploring the use of live lessons, using Microsoft Teams, with a small group of Year 12 groups, with a view to extending this to other groups should the period of closure be extended.

As always, remote learning is constantly being monitored and the changes above will be evaluated over the coming weeks to see if any further changes may be of benefit.

On the subject of reporting, the end of year reports that school would ordinarily write for all year groups prior to the end of July will not be provided this year. As you are aware, reports rely on a range of qualitative and quantitative data that at the moment we do not have access to.

School has been open for some students over the past 11 weeks, such as those whose parents work in critical sectors. For any parents who work in critical sectors who have not requested a place, but whose circumstances may change, please contact school on enquiries@brookfield.derbyshire.sch.uk.

As always, thank you once again for your ongoing support of school at this time. We are hopefully reaching a point where normality will start to return and we can look forward to the time when school will once again be full with young people enjoying what are, as we all know, the best days of their lives.

Yours sincerely



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