

12th May 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Update on Schools Reopening

You will be aware that there have been a number of announcements in the last few days about schools and the possibility of some form of reopening. I wanted to write to you today to reassure you that we are working hard on planning for the different scenarios that might be in place from the 1st June, and for the remainder of the school year. There is still great uncertainty around what will actually happen, not least, because the 'five tests' that the government has determined have to be met in order for any limited reopening of schools. This means for example, that infection rates still have to be falling. If this is not the case school reopening will be delayed. Please be aware that we find out information from the government at the same time you do.

At Bosworth Academy, we have been desperately sad not to be able to welcome our children into school over the last few weeks and we are very aware of how they are missing school. We want to get them back to some schooling as soon as we can. However, as I stated in our newsletter on 7th May, we can only do this when it is as safe as it can be for them, our staff, you and the family members in your home.

There is a stated intention to bring students from year 10 and 12 back into school for some face to face support from 1st June. School for these children will not suddenly return to normal as it is not expected that these students will return on a full-time basis at this stage.

We are working on a variety of plans in school to reduce the risk of transmission of the virus when some children return. These plans will mean:

- reduced class sizes to lower the chance of transmission
- significant changes to social time and the structure of the school day
- changes to how we will provide a school lunch
- possible changes to the start and finish times of the school day
- the day or days your child will attend and days they will continue with remote learning
- how your child will get to and from school considering government recommendations

When we have more informed answers to these critical points around social distancing requirements with children, then we will be able to explain what we will be offering in June. We are, however, reliant on the government and the Local Authority to provide these answers in a timely fashion.

For now though, it is worth recognising that the vast majority of learning, for the remainder of the school year, will still have to be conducted from home. We are very aware of how difficult this is, and we want to support you in every way we can. In our weekly newsletters, all located on our website (<http://www.bosworthacademy.org.uk/covid19/>), we have been sharing how you can find extra support either from school or external agencies.

I will share more detailed information with you this Friday in our newsletter and again next week as we respond to advice and make more detailed plans.

Yours sincerely,

Simon Brown
Head of School

