

Friday 19th June 2020



FAO All Parents/Carers of Bradgate Education Partnership

Dear All

Re: Arrangements for the remainder of the term

Firstly, thanks again for your ongoing support. Like us I suspect many of you remain frustrated about the lack of a return to school for many students this term. I would like to take this opportunity to reassure you that we will be doing everything we can, once we are able to do so, to enable your son or daughter to make a swift and successful return to school, to support their well-being and to rapidly catch up on any key school work or curriculum requirements.

I am writing today to update you on the arrangements we are putting in place at our schools for the remainder of this term. In short, as there has been no significant change to the government's guidance to schools we have decided to maintain our current arrangements until the end of the term. This means that eligible pupils from Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Y6 in our primary schools and students in Y10 and Y12 in our secondaries can continue to attend school. All other year groups will continue to be provided with online and remote support for home-schooling.

Trust Parental Survey

Below is a link for a brief online survey. The information collected will relate to your child and how they have fared during the lockdown and home-schooling period. This survey will help us plan the curriculum and recovery programme after the Summer. Please feel you can be as honest as possible – if like most of us you have struggled with elements of home-schooling please feel you can tell us as it will enable us to plan additional support in the future. Similarly, if your child has worked really well with their maths but you have struggled to get your child outside to exercise please let us know as this will again enable us to plan the curriculum suitably. The form does not allow for detailed feedback – please provide this level of detail to your child's school by emailing them at school.enquiries@roundhill.leics.sch.uk.

Please use the link below to complete your return (a link is also available on the Trust's website):

<https://bepschools.org/survey2>

Summer Schools

You may have seen reported widely the possibility of Summer Schools. Unfortunately, we have not been contacted by the government or Local Authority regarding this provision and we will be concentrating on preparing the provision for our hopeful August return.

We will of course try to support any worthwhile activities over the Summer. However, the likelihood of any meaningful large-scale activities being delivered, especially given the timescales in Leicestershire, currently appear to be very challenging. Therefore, we advise families to assume there will not be any provision in place during the Summer. For clarity, it is also worth noting that schools will not be providing online or remote learning resources over the Summer holidays.

Autumn Term Plans

This is where we are currently concentrating our efforts. We will aim to communicate our broad plans for your child's Autumn return to school before the end of term. At this point, although plans will still be provisional, we would like to give you a clear outline of how our Autumn recovery curriculum and support might look. We are currently hoping and planning for a full return at the start of next term, whilst remaining realistic that some students may not be able to return fully. We are also modelling further scenarios if the Covid19 situation has not sufficiently improved to allow full opening of schools.

Opening for further students or year groups this term?

We have once again reviewed this option but regrettably the current guidelines do not allow for this, and the limitations on the use of rotas and the limitations on groups of up to 15 also mean that the majority of our schools are now reaching capacity: both in terms of staffing and space.

Closure policy

We have operated a 'safety first' approach to the closure of 'bubbles' within our schools. Simplistically, if there is a suspected case, typically where a member of the bubble displays symptoms of Covid19, we close the bubble and ask the child/adult to be tested. We then re-open when we receive the negative result. Although we recognise that this can cause additional disruption, for the safety of staff and students we have decided to continue with this policy for the remainder of the term.

Key worker and Vulnerable students

Our schools remain open for vulnerable students and the children of critical/key workers. If you have not utilised this provision but now intend to do so please contact your child's school. The current provision for these students will not be available over the Summer break.

Thank you again for your support.

Yours sincerely



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