

15<sup>th</sup> July 2020



Dear Parents & Families,

As always, we hope you and your families are keeping well and staying safe.

We are really pleased that the government plan for ALL pupils to come back to school in September. We have enjoyed seeing so many of our children back in school over the last half term, but we are very much looking forward to having full year groups back every day.

All the arrangements we have made for the return of all children have been meticulously planned and discussed with staff and governors. The arrangements will be reviewed regularly and if we feel that amendments need to be made, we will inform you via the school website and School Life app. We will also need to take account of any government changes to guidance which may be published between now and September or in the autumn term.

We are aware that some families do not access the School Life app which is why we have sent this letter however, we must reiterate that any further guidance or arrangements will be sent via the app and made available on the website. We have only sent this letter as we want EVERY family to receive this message so that EVERY pupil can return in September.

On our school website, you will find a section (pencil) called 'September Return'. In this section you will see varied documents that you will need to read before September these include:

- A new revised Risk Assessment.
- The plan- Guidance for September.
- A timetable to show drop off/collection times and points.
- A transition document- we would encourage parents to complete this over the summer holidays with your children.
- FAQs document- to answer all your questions.
- Other links to government guidance.

We may also add further guidance/arrangements over the holidays.

From September, the DfE guidance states that 'Education is not an option' - the government expects ALL children to return to school full time in September. This is compulsory and the government are re-introducing fixed penalty notices and fines for non-attendance. Returning to school is vital for children's education and for their wellbeing. Time out of school is detrimental for children's cognitive and academic development, particularly for disadvantaged children. This impact can affect both current levels of learning and children's future ability to learn, and therefore we need to ensure all pupils can return to school. We understand that some parents and children may be anxious about the return and we are ready to support you, your child's education, and personal wellbeing during this transition back to full time school.

We cannot wait to welcome everyone back to the Brook community so please ensure that you take the time to read through the documents in preparation for September. Our planning is based on providing every child with an effective educational experience whilst also maintaining the health, safety and well being of our children, parents, and staff.

As a school community we have all been presented with a range of challenges, experiencing mixed feelings and emotions. However, with the support of our families and friends we have faced these with patience, resilience, and determination. I would like to take this opportunity to say well done and thank you to every single pupil, parent, governor, and member of staff for everything they have done to support each other in these challenging times.

I am very proud to be the Headteacher of Brook Primary and cannot wait to see everyone back, as part of our Brook family. We wish you all a safe, happy and well-deserved rest over the summer holidays and cannot wait to welcome everyone back in September.

Yours Faithfully,

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