

17th April 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Following Government announcements on Thursday, 16th April, I am writing to you to update you in regard to school closure.

We have made the decision to continue to protect our whole school community by providing education and welfare support to our pupils in their homes, whilst our buildings are closed. We envisage that this will continue for at least the next three weeks, as suggested by Dominic Raab. We will, off course, write to you again should the advice change.

During this time, we will continue to provide work for your child, either online or through work packs; your child's teacher will be in touch with more detail. We will also be contacting all pupils as part of our safeguarding processes and we appreciate your on-going co-operation in this.

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals can I please take this opportunity to assure you that we have applied to the DFE for the e-vouchers and are now waiting for them to confirm that they have been released – The e-vouchers should arrive with you, by email, shortly. If you have any concerns in this regard please email office@beckmead.croydon.sch.uk and we will get back to you.

If your child was due to take external examinations this year, your Head of School will be in touch with an overview of what actions we are required to take. The Department of Education has been very clear that no child will lose out as a result of enforced school closure and we are working hard to ensure that this is the case for all our pupils.

These are unprecedented times and we understand that lockdown brings with it a variety of pressures for families. We have included below the contact details for a number of organisations that can provide help at this time. If you think there is anything we can help with, please do contact us on the email address above or contact your child's Head of School.

I would also like to assure you that we are busy planning for when we re-open. We have ordered PPE and have ensured that all sites will have been subject to a deep clean – I'm sure when we return, we will still be required to practice social distancing and we have been looking at how we might change the way we work in order to adhere to this, as best we can.

In the meantime, please do all take the greatest of care and thank-you for your on-going support during this difficult time.

Kind regards



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