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Dear Parents/Carers,

Brompton Academy COVID-19 – Arrangements for week commencing 14th December 2020

I am writing to you to confirm the arrangements we have had to put in place from next week due to on going staff shortages. The increase in positive COVID cases in Medway has had a huge impact on staff (both teachers and support staff) at the Academy, due to them being required to self-isolate or shield because of being identified as having close contact with someone who has been tested positive.

As a result of this, our staffing has fallen to a level where we need to continue to ask some of our year groups to remain at home and engage with their learning online. Teachers will continue to upload lessons on a daily basis via Edmodo or provide 'live' lessons where possible.

Arrangements for week commencing 14th December :

1. **Year 11** - are being asked to remain at home from **Monday 14th December** - returning to the Academy in January 2021.
2. **Year 10** - returning to the Academy on **Monday 14th December**.
3. **Year 7** are being asked to remain at home from **Monday 14th December until the end of term**. Returning in January 2021.

However, this decision will not affect Year 7 or Year 11 students who attend the Eliot Centre at Brompton Academy, and they should attend as normal.

Students in Miss Kemp's Year 7 class who are taught in the Eliot Centre must continue to attend school as normal throughout this period.

Year 7 and Year 11 students will be expected to follow their normal timetables and engage in their lessons. I ask for your support in ensuring that your child is engaged in their remote learning during this period.

Also, if your child is in Year 7 or Year 11 and receives free school meals and will experience hardship during this period by not being able to access this provision, please contact Reception at the Academy so that we can provide you with some support to ensure that they will be able to receive meals. In addition, if your child does receive free school meals and does not have an iPad with which to access their

online learning, once again please contact Reception so that arrangements can be made to support them with this.

I can only apologise again for the disruption this continues to cause families, but regrettably, I have no alternative but to continue with a rolling programme of year groups remaining at home between now and the end of term.

I would like to thank all of you for your continued understanding and support in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

Jenny Best
UKAT Executive Principal