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Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Brompton Academy COVID-19 – Arrangements for week commencing 30<sup>th</sup> November 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. As you are all aware, Kent and Medway have now been put into Tier 3 COVID-19 restrictions from Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, due to the escalation of positive COVID-19 cases in the area. The increase in numbers has had a huge impact on the 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. Thankfully, the number of students at the Academy who have been reported as being tested positive is very low.

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 30<sup>th</sup> November:**

1. **Year 8** to continue with 'home learning' – returning to the Academy on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December**.
2. **Year 10** to commence 'home learning' from **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November**. Returning to the Academy on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December**.
3. **Year 9** to return to the Academy on **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November**.

**However, this decision will not affect Year 8 or Year 10 students who attend the Eliot Centre at Brompton Academy, and they should attend as normal. Students in Mr. Thompson's Year 8 class who are taught in the Eliot Centre must continue to attend school as normal throughout this period.**

Year 8 and Year 10 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 8 or Year 10 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 series 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**