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Dear Parent/Carer,

Further to my recent letter which I sent on Saturday 14th November I am writing to update you on the current staffing situation at the Academy.

Unfortunately, I must advise you that the level of staff absence across the school has continued to increase this week due to the number of staff required to self isolate and or shield and is not related to any positive cases of COVID – 19 at Brompton Academy.

As a result, the decision has been taken to require both **Year 8 and Year 9** students to remain at home and continue their learning remotely at home returning on Monday 30th November. This will take effect immediately commencing from tomorrow, **Thursday 19th November**.

However this decision will not affect **Year 8 or Year 9** students who attend the Eliot Centre at Brompton Academy and they should attend school as normal. **Students in Mr. Thompson's Year 8 class who are taught in the Eliot Centre** must also attend school as normal throughout this period.

Whilst working at home, all Year 8 and Year 9 students or any student who is also self isolating will be expected to follow their normal timetables and engage in on line learning which was previously implemented in the lockdown in March. All teachers on a daily basis will be uploading lessons to Edmodo [our learning platform] or providing some 'live lessons', where possible via Teams. Your child will be able to engage in their daily lessons which they have on their current timetable and I ask for your support in ensuring that your child takes full part during what we hope will be a short-term period of remote learning.

If your child is in Year 8 or Year 9 and receives free school meals and will experience hardship during this period by not being able to access this provision then 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. Also, 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 at the Academy so that arrangements can be made to support them with this.

Ensuring that all of our students can attend school daily is always my priority and I would again express my regret at having to take this decision. I fully appreciate the disruption this

will cause to families but regrettably I have had no alternative in these exceptional circumstances.

Yours sincerely,

Jenny Best UKAT Executive Principal

