



# Biddenham

International School & Sports College

Principal: Mr David Bailey

Head of School: Ms Eleanor Grylls

5<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Re: Possible re-opening of school to more students in June

We hope this letter finds you well. As you are probably aware, with some primary schools opening this week, secondary schools have been tasked with considering how best to safely deliver some 'face to face' contact with teachers, for **years 10 and 12**, from the Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June. [A letter](#) was sent out earlier in the week to Year 10 parents and carers with some detail about our initial plans, and another for Year 12 parents and carers is imminent.

Unfortunately, **years 7, 8, 9, 11 and 13** are unlikely to return to school before September, much as we would love to see everyone. We will, of course, continue to operate our distance learning provision through Google Classrooms, until students return. There are so many students who continue to work hard, are producing some beautiful work and making their teachers proud! All of our students having chromebooks has given us an advantage for distance learning and we are hoping to introduce the use of Google Meet with students to enable some online 'face to face' contact with teachers before the end of the summer term. We just need to finalise a few guidelines for safe online practice before we roll Google Meet out more widely - more details to follow.

Please continue to encourage your children to contact their teachers if they are struggling with any of the work, or are unsure of what to do. If your child is having any issues with accessing work or with chromebooks, please contact us at [enquiries@biddenham.beds.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@biddenham.beds.sch.uk) including your child's name and year group, or telephone 01234 342521.

In relation to the wider opening of schools, it is important to remember this is new territory for all of us. We are taking the government guidance we have been given and applying it to our own setting. A detailed action plan will be shared with you as soon as possible so you know what the school's reopening will look like in practice. Precautions we will be taking will include:

- Limiting class sizes.
- Staggering break times, and pick-up and drop-off times.
- Increased cleaning.
- Keeping students and staff with coronavirus symptoms at home.

In the meantime, the school is still open **only** for vulnerable students and the children of critical workers. We know some employers will be encouraging you to return to work, but we are not in a position right now to extend places to other students until we receive further government guidance.

Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding and we will be in touch again very soon.

Warm regards,

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