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Wednesday, 22 April 2020

Dear Parents, Pupils and Carers

I hope that you have all enjoyed the Easter break. This year we missed our traditional Easter assembly, however, I know that Easter is so much more than that and may peace be with us all at this special time.

Every one of us has been touched by the impact of Covid 19, with many families suffering significant ill health and unfortunately bereavement. My thoughts and prayers go out to all families who are recovering and mourning the loss of loved ones at this difficult time.

The health and safety of pupils, staff and parents, remain our number 1 priority and due to the ongoing challenge of Covid 19, it is still not possible for pupils to return to school. However, I wanted to remind you that we are still available by email or telephone, during school hours, to support you with any concerns that you have. In addition, the Brent Community newsletter is posted on our website to provide resources, help and support.

School remains open for our vulnerable families and for the families of front line workers between the hours of 0900 and 1530. A special thank you to staff who have maintained this provision, despite their own significant challenges, including home schooling their own children and travelling to school on public transport to deliver a service to pupils.

It has been 4 weeks since we were last at school as we know it and Monday 20th April marked the start of the Summer term. The shift to home school learning happened with little warning and it will take time for all families to find a comfortable balance. Some pupils and parents have found the transition reasonably satisfactory, whilst others have found it incredibly challenging. Feedback from staff has been mainly positive, however it would be important to hear from parents to find out what can be improved in these challenging circumstances. **A summer term curriculum newsletter for each year group, will be posted on the school website on Friday 24th April**, to support your child's learning. Thank you all for persevering and supporting your children with their home learning.

We learnt last week that the lock down has been extended for a further 3 weeks and despite numerous media postings that school will reopen soon after May 11th, this has not been agreed and no partial easing of these measures has been discussed.

As well as the Chalkhill learning resources, the Department for Education launched an online teaching programme on Monday 20th April BBC Bitesize: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons> with daily lessons from year 1 to year 10, on a new TV channel with podcasts, videos, and lessons online. We will be posting weekly Home learning packs from Classroom Secrets for each year group that aligns with the BBC Bitesize Daily Lessons. Additionally, we will also be using resources from [Oak National Academy](#), which has been devised by practising teachers, combining online video lessons, quizzes and worksheets for pupils from reception to year 6. If you have any further questions regarding online learning, please contact your

child's class teacher via email or Class Dojo. All year group email addresses can be found on the school website in the Home Learning Tab.

The Department for Education have informed us that as part of steps taken to fight the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19), all exams due to take place in schools and colleges in England in summer 2020 are cancelled. This means that the Year 1 Reading check, Year 2 Standard Assessment test, Year 4 multiplication check and Year 6 Standard Assessment test will not go ahead. However, teacher assessment data and monitoring of standards, collected half termly, will be used to provide a report for your child in July, the traditional end of the academic year.

The large majority of Year 6 pupils have been offered a secondary school place. **The deadline for applications/changes for third round is Monday 4 May 2020. The third round offers will be sent out week ending Friday 22 May 2020 and offers have to be accepted by Friday 29 May 2020.** Parents who wish to appeal their offer can access the link below. Please contact the school if you need any further guidance.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/admission-appeals-for-school-places>

Some families may have received offers for Nursery and Reception places. **These offers need to be accepted by April 30th.** If you have not replied for a Reception place then please contact Brent school admissions on school.admissions@brent.gov.uk or 020 8937 3110 by the 30th of April for Reception places. You will be considered for the second round of applications, which will be allocated by May 15th. Nursery applications have to come directly to the school. You can find the application form on our website: <https://chalkhillprimaryschool.co.uk> The admissions form can be found in the Contact Us tab.

Families with pupils entitled to free school meals will receive an email from a company called Edendred. The email will contain an e-Code that you can redeem online from a selection of supermarket 'eGift cards'. If you do not receive the email by latest Friday 24 April, please contact the school office or email admin@chalkhill.brent.sch.uk. Please do check your spam mail before contacting the school.

Any families who have not registered for free school meals but believe that they are eligible are required to complete a free school meal application form which can be found on <https://www.brent.gov.uk/services-for-residents/education-and-schools/student-and-school-information/free-school-meals/>.

Parents can either print and complete the form or, if they are unable to print the document, the form can be edited directly on their computer and saved. Completed forms should be e-mailed to school.admissions@brent.gov.uk. Forms can also be posted to FSM, School Admissions, PO Box 1057, Wembley, Middlesex HA9 1HJ

Until the government is satisfied that the current situation has improved significantly, with the risk of harm greatly reduced for all stakeholders, Chalkhill School will remain closed. The health and safety of all Chalkhill stakeholders, remains our number 1 priority. A number of links are provided at the end of this letter to provide further support.

Until then keep safe and well.

Ms Ashton

Executive Head Teacher



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Guidance for parents and carers on supporting their children's education during coronavirus (COVID-19)

We have published information, guidance and support for parents and carers of children who are learning at home during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

Guidance on helping children aged 2 to 4 learn at home can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-children-aged-2-to-4-to-learn-at-home-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

Guidance on helping primary school aged children learn at home can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-primary-school-children-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

Guidance on helping children with special educational needs and disabilities learn at home can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-children-with-send-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

Updated guidance for parents and carers on the closure of educational settings

The guidance for parents and carers on the closure of educational settings has been updated with additional information on the support available for parents, online educational resources and support for vulnerable children.

The guidance can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

Changes to the school admission appeals process

It is important parents continue to have the right to appeal any school admission decisions. To enable this, we will be making regulatory changes that, subject to legislation, will come into force on 24 April 2020. The new regulations will relax some of the current requirements set out in the School Admission Appeals Code 2012, giving admission authorities flexibility to manage appeals whilst ensuring families are supported and not disadvantaged by current measures to protect public health.

The guidance can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/admission-appeals-for-school-places>