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Dear Parents, Carers

Re: Recent government announcement

I am sure that you are aware that the Prime Minister announced on Sunday that it was an aim to return some students in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 classes back to school (or equivalent setting) on the 1st June if infection rates and the government's other tests at the time allow it. Subsequently, this will include Early Years. There was also mention of Year 10 & Year 12 students receiving "face to face" meetings just prior to the Summer holidays to supplement their current remote learning. This has been followed by the publication of a "Roadmap to Recovery" document and subsequent specific guidance for educational settings.

We have held a number of meetings to discuss the implications of a planned school opening and will be contacting parents/carers of children in Year 10 and Year 12 to ascertain parental views on the matter. Please be assured that the safety of your children and the staff will be paramount in any future decisions and no date has been set for this eventuality. We will update you with any further news and plans as soon as we are able to do so.

It would also appear that we are very unlikely to see the students of Years 7, 8 & 9 before the end of the summer term. I know that several students and parents have expressed some concerns about the amount of work being set. Therefore, with the unlikely return of these year groups we will also be looking into how we can maintain a worthwhile educational experience while safeguarding pupils' wellbeing. Therefore, we will be continuing with our Show My Homework and google classroom packages for all year groups as well as our keyworker and vulnerable child provision.

However, we are proposing that we look to extend our remote learning provision in the future. This may include some online face to face lessons for some year groups, additional student meetings (School Council, Bourne Leader interviews) and tutor group meetings. We are currently developing a protocol around this and will let you know when we intend this to commence.

Mr Perkins and Mr Peacock have been working hard on rewards and throughout the Summer Term there are various opportunities to celebrate and recognise the learning and development of your child. Below is an overview of the rewards that are in place, your child will be familiar with these as they have been adapted from existing programmes to work in our current home learning context.

ASPIRE Nominations – all staff have been nominating a student each half term who has demonstrated the ASPIRE Competencies for being Ambitious, Self-Confident, Physically Literate, Independent, Resilient and Emotionally Literate, this will be shared on our social media channels each half term. We are now delighted that you can nominate your child for this, simply email aspire@thebourneacademy.com with a brief description of what your child has done that demonstrates the ASPIRE Competencies, please include their full name and house. We will endeavour to include as many as possible this term.

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Gold Slips – all teachers will be nominating a student who has excelled in their studies for a Gold Slip, all students will be informed and will be entered into a prize draw to win one of three Amazon Fire tablets.

House Points – All teachers are continuing to award house points to recognise attitude, effort and quality of work during this time of home learning

Home Learning Reward Certificates – Will continue to be sent out been sent out via Parent Mail to celebrate hard work and commitment to home learning

Mrs Bennett and everyone at The Academy would like to thank you for supporting your child with online learning via Show My Homework or through paper-based learning. Please do contact your child's Head of House if you are concerned about your child's application or understanding of the work being set; we will endeavour to support you in any way available to us.

We are saddened that we won't be seeing some of your children again for quite some time, but the safety of students and staff has to be paramount, so we accept that the slow restarting of schools is the most sensible way forward. Please can I ask for your continued patience as we consider all the implications of the new guidelines for The Bourne Academy. It is an ever evolving situation and I will inform you of our plans as soon as possible. I would like to reassure you that we will continue to seek to provide the best possible education for your children while operating under the current restrictions.

Stay safe,

Mr M Avoth

Principal