



# Bradwell Village School

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*"Striving for excellence, providing a caring environment where every child matters"*

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Dear Parent/Carer

As we continue to live under lockdown conditions, I wanted to thank you for the huge amount of support you have provided for your child and to update you on what we are doing in school to support you and your child with their education.

As in all years, during the latter part of the summer term, staff provide you with a written report about the progress your child has made during the year. This year will be no different, but due to the majority of children having been home schooled for a significant period of time, we have made a number of changes to the annual report. We have deleted the topics, which the children have not been able to complete and assessed the children up until the time of the start of the lockdown. In reality this will mean that for many children, their assessments may be lower than expected as they have been assessed on 2/3rds of the usual amount of work. Where appropriate, a comment about the work your child has completed during lockdown will be included in the personal development section. Should the school re-open for the latter part of the summer term, we will also be able to comment on the work produced during this period providing that there is sufficient time to do so.

During the last few weeks, our priority has been on ensuring we have a robust system for providing work in a format, which is accessible for every child and for supporting the welfare of our children and families through emails, telephone calls and home visits. We have also supported some of our vulnerable children and the children of key workers through in-school provision. All of these will continue whilst the children are not accessing education in school.

As discussions are taking place at government level about the re-opening of schools, the leadership team and I have started to explore what school may look like when we return under social distancing guidelines. As we receive guidance from the Department for Education, we will amend and adapt our current thinking and we will keep you informed about the details and time scales. All of which I am unable to do at this time. To support us with this process, I would like to collate a list of questions, which parents and carers have about the re-opening of BVS. Please email these to me using the school's email address: [admin@bvsmk.co.uk](mailto:admin@bvsmk.co.uk).

We will continue to contact you, as a minimum on a weekly basis via email or telephone but please feel free to email your child's class teacher if you require additional support. Unfortunately, there are a few families who we have had difficulty in contacting. To those families, if we have incorrect contact details, can I urge you to contact the school office to provide up-to-date information or if we have the correct information, can I impress upon you the importance of responding to our emails and telephone calls. We really do want to ensure that all of our children and families are safe and able to access the learning.

To any children or families who are experiencing difficulties, we want to support you so please contact us by email or telephone. The school office is staffed from 9.00am-3.00pm. On duty daily, is a member of the senior leadership team and a member of the pastoral team (Mrs Puddephatt and Mr Bass) who are available to answer any questions or concerns.

I will be in contact with you as soon as I am able to update you regarding the re-opening of BVS, but in the meantime keep safe.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Elleman'.

Dr Diane Elleman