

# BRONTË HOUSE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

I hope that this communication finds you and your families well and that you have enjoyed the holidays, albeit in a somewhat different way to normal.

The purpose of writing to you is to provide clarification on school re-opening next week. As per the Government's announcement earlier this week, education settings for Early Years and Primary-age children, that are located within Tier 3 restrictions, have been given the 'green light' to open for the new term, as planned. With this in mind, I can confirm that Brontë will be open to all children from **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January** and for those children with a pre-booked place in Early Years' Provision from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

Wrap around care will also be available from 7:30am – 6pm to those families that require extended day provision.

You may recall that, in previous communications, parental assistance has been requested in helping us to manage the numbers of children in wrap around care. Whilst breakfast numbers remain reasonable, up to ninety percent of some year groups remain on site after the end of the school day. As children must remain in Year Group bubbles after school, such high numbers are presenting real challenges, despite increasing staffing levels in all areas of the School.

Whilst children remain in consistent class groupings for all classroom teaching throughout the day, before and after-school provision sees children mixing more freely across the Year Group. At a time when Covid rates nationally are spiralling and speculation continues regarding the transmissibility of the new strain of the virus amongst children, we must ensure that we take every precaution in continuing to safeguard the wellbeing of our school community. For this reason, may I respectfully request that parents leaving children in after-school care at this time are those that have a genuine reason for accessing the extended day provision, such as work commitments or childcare needs? It is testament to the children's love of the School and their friends that they wish to remain on site 'after hours' and engage in activities, but parents are requested to use this provision sparingly at this time.

Any families returning to the UK must ensure that any necessary period of quarantine is observed and that children do not return to school until this is complete.

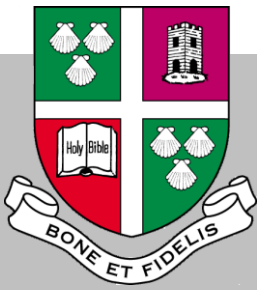
All previous safety measures remain in place for the term ahead. We are committed to keeping the School safe and open throughout this difficult time and parental support in assisting us with this is very much appreciated.

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We look forward to welcoming the children back to school next week.

With very best wishes,

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