



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

Including Berryfields Primary

COLLABORATING *for* EXCELLENCE

20 April 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you all had a restful Easter break and welcome to our very first remote summer term.

We've all had to adapt to new ways of working, so we wanted to take the chance to say what an amazing job you're doing supporting your child's wellbeing and learning during this time.

It's definitely been a strange and challenging time, so it's understandable if you and your child feel anxious and frustrated at the moment. We're here for you every step of the way as we figure this all out together.

Remember, if you have any concerns about helping your child learn or you need any other support from the school, please let us know by contacting enquiries@theacademy.me. We will make sure that your enquiry gets to the right person. If your child has *any* issues at all, they should contact the teacher through the show my homework app, through Microsoft teams (Secondary Phase) or the year group enquiries email (Primary Phase) so we can help.

While we wish we could be open, we must continue to follow the government's guidance to keep everyone in our community safe. So, we're carrying on with remote working for the majority of students and our provision for vulnerable students and children of critical workers.

We also love seeing the students' fantastic learning at home – please keep sending their work in straight to their teachers or to enquiries@theacademy.me as we would like to showcase it in the Parents' Bulletin. We have taken on board the feedback about not overloading students with work or sending too many printable sheets and hope that the quantity and variation in tasks has helped families.

We will aim to send out a weekly bulletin to all parents and carers with updates on all the issues affecting us at the moment and hopefully give you answers to some of the questions you may have. This week the bulletin will be sent on Wednesday, 22 April but **every Monday thereafter**.

Our teachers will be setting tasks for students to complete over the summer term. We continuously review this and looking for ways to make this process as successful as possible. Do remind your child to take breaks away from screens as well, and also make time for having fun and connecting with friends and family.

While we can't say yet when we'll be able to open the school fully, rest assured that we'll continue doing our utmost to keep students learning and the school connected.

Yours sincerely

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