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Dear Parents and Carers

I am sure you will be aware of the Government's recent announcements in relation to schools and the planning that is being undertaken for young people returning to schools across England from 1st June.

It has since emerged from Government that special schools, such as Bradstow, will be expected to work towards a phased return of more children and young people without a focus on specific year groups, and taking into consideration individual and whole school risk assessments.

It is obviously very difficult to achieve social distancing in a school such as ours, but there are other actions we can take to reduce risks to young people and staff. This will result, for example, in changes to class groups, staffing and sometimes residential homes.

The Government has stated that:

“Special schools, special post-16 institutions and hospital schools should work towards welcoming back as many children and young people as can be safely catered for in their setting.”

Obviously for Bradstow School the return towards being fully open to all young people is dependent on safe and sustainable staff ratios. We continue to work collaboratively with the Wandsworth directorate to update our whole school Covid-19 plan to support young people and to increase the numbers of staff attending work.

It is our intention to return the young people not currently at school systematically over the coming weeks.

We will continue to monitor your individual circumstances and keep in regular contact with you. Please do not hesitate to contact me at the school for further information? Either by email sdunn@bradstow.wandsworth.sch.uk or phone 01843 862123. If we are able to offer your child any provision after half term, we will be in contact with you.

Please let us know if you require any online or offline learning resources to use at home, or any other support with accessing services? Or if you want to talk to our therapists, care or education staff or obtain information or advice?

Headteacher: Sarah Dunn



The incredibly dedicated staff team currently attending work are committed to supporting our young people both at home and at school, and have appreciated all your understanding and patience during these unprecedented times.

Regards to you all

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sarah Dunn', written in a cursive style.

Sarah Dunn
Head Teacher