



19th July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, I would like to thank you all for your on-going support at this very challenging time. This weekend and today, we have experienced a steady increase in the number of cases both in the local area and at Brittons Academy. This has particularly affected Year 10 and, as a result, large numbers of students are self-isolating due to being identified as being in close contact with someone who has tested positive. **In order to protect the students who are still in school and the staff, I have made the decision to close the bubble and for all Year 10 students to work from home from tomorrow and return in September.**

This is not a decision I have taken lightly and have consulted with Public Health England, Havering Local Authority and the Empower Learning Trust before doing so. All stakeholders are in full agreement that this is the best course of action to minimise any further risk to the students, their families and our staff at this time.

Those entitled to Free School Meals during the isolation period will be able to access a food parcel to cover the period they have been asked to stay at home. Please contact Ms. Pearson via spearson@elatschools.co.uk to arrange collection from school, if this is something you would like to access.

Work will be provided via Microsoft Teams, as during the January lockdown, with live lessons wherever possible.

If you have any issues or concerns, please contact the Year 10 team in the first instance – Gill Gilbert (ggilbert@elatschools.co.uk) or Jo Burch (jburch@elatschools.co.uk).

On behalf of my staff and I, thank you again for your ongoing support and would like to take the opportunity to wish you a happy and health summer holiday.

Your sincerely,

MR. W. THOMPSON
Principal

