



Friday 20th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your patience whilst we have been following emerging guidance received from the Government and Local Authority. We have been formulating necessary plans to reopen the school on Monday 23rd March. This can only be for invited students who meet Government criteria for school provision at this time. We understand that many key workers may be able to keep their child at home or make alternative arrangements. Government guidance is that wherever possible, children are safer at home where social distancing can be better managed. Where your daughter's needs meet the specified criteria, you will be offered a place in our partially open school from Monday and further details of the arrangements will be sent to you by 4:30pm. The school's capacity when it reopens is very limited by our available staff and the need to reduce infection. Please be aware that students who will be on site will be working independently, completing the same work as their peers off site but in a supervised area.

Finally I want to thank all of you who have offered support this week. Your kindness has not gone unnoticed and we look forward to reopening for all as soon as possible. I would like to take this further opportunity to praise all our students and staff. We have maintained our school spirit and resilience throughout this extraordinary time. We will be maintaining contact with our families throughout this period. We remain the community of Queen Elizabeth's Girls' School, Barnet.

Violet Walker
Headteacher