

1st May 2020

Dear Parent / Carer

In these difficult times I have some great news to share, during the last 14 months I have been in discussion with the Local Authority regarding how we can increase student curriculum opportunities and develop our existing Broomhill Bank School sites.

In discussions with the Governing body and key leaders at the school we have identified a curriculum model that will better meet the needs of our learners. Essentially, we intend to move from a current Year Seven intake made up of 2 classes of 10 students, to a Year Seven intake of 3 classes of 8 students on the West site. At the North site we intend to move from a current Year Seven intake of 1 class of 10 students, to 2 classes of 8 students.

This process will continue to evolve throughout next year, with an increase in student numbers in all year groups (through in-year admissions) to an optimum level by September 2021. During this time, we will also develop our curriculum model to be able to accept some Year Six students on both sites during their final year in Primary school; this will allow these students a longer transition, to what would be their transfer point into Broomhill Bank in September and their formal Year Seven start point.

This increase in student numbers represents 4 students per year group at the West site and 6 students per year group at the North site, overall it will result in a reduction in class sizes across the school. To be able to resource the curriculum and to meet the needs of our increased student number, we will also be increasing classroom provision, changing the use of some existing buildings and increasing car parking spaces.

The documents attached will give you the formal information you require, regarding the proposal to increase the Broomhill Bank designated number from 210 student places to 318 student places from September 2020. Please be assured that together with the Governing body and the wider Senior Leadership team I have considered the school ethos, dynamics and characteristics when drawing this proposal together. Careful consideration has also been given to the increase in provision, so that we do not overburden the site capacity or detrimentally impact our current Broomhill Bank students educational experience. On the contrary, the addition of new Sports Hall facilities, enhanced Forest School opportunities and renovations to student recreation space, will in fact positively enhance the experience for all our children and young people at both sites of Broomhill Bank School.

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Please be assured that the impact of the building renovations and developments will be planned to take place when it will have the least possible impact on students when back at school and during both phases of the developments.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Governing body and the Senior Leadership Team to thank the Local Authority for their continued commitment and support to Broomhill Bank School and our drive to deliver outstanding outcomes for all our Children and Young People.

Yours faithfully



Mr Steven Ackerley
Executive Headteacher

