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Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: Easter Half Term

I hope that you and your family are safe and well. Throughout the last 12 months, and most recently since the Christmas Break, we have all endured hardship and difficulties which none of us could have predicted. As Principal, I am extremely proud of the way in which all of our learners, supported by you, have been able to adapt to these circumstances and prosper in the way that they have.

Since returning after Christmas, learners have been subjected to increased COVID Secure measures from the DfE, such as mask wearing at all times whilst indoors - while not a pleasant experience for anyone, learners have adapted to this extremely well and have helped keep their friends and their families safe.

Despite all of these challenges, we have maintained high standards of academic rigour and progress. High quality learning has continued, and I am pleased to report that we have remained fully open, every day, since our learners returned. We have developed a comprehensive Lateral Flow Testing centre and programme (which was praised by the Express & Star) and we have continued our emphasis on Rewarding Effort. During this week alone, we have rewarded over 200 learners for their outstanding commitment to learning and excellent or improved levels of attendance. As one of our core values, we believe that rewarding our learners is always important, but perhaps this is even more pressing during these testing times. We hope that all of those learners rewarded enjoyed their breakfast snack and/or Easter treat.

Following on from this, I would like to take this time to thank you, our parents/carers, for your commitment to supporting your children and our school. It is clear to me and my staff, that without your support, many of things we have achieved would not have been possible.

With reference to this, please can you ensure that over the Easter Break your children conduct their Home Testing and that the results are reported via the correct channels to ensure that we minimise COVID related risks, permitting us to remain fully open and that learners remain safe on our return. Please see the Chief Executive Update (Chief Executive update - Easter Break - COVID Tracking 30/03/21) for more information.

Finally, I would like to wish all of our learners, parents/carers, staff and local community a happy, safe and restful Easter break. We look forward to welcoming all learners back to Beacon Hill Academy on Monday 19th April 2021.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr S Dhami **Principal**



