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# THE CORBET SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Carer

As previously mentioned, we now move to a weekly update. This has been a highly unusual and difficult week for us all as we come to terms with what is the new normal for now. Things were certainly very different this time last week and what is most important is that the whole community continues to stay well, following all guidelines from the government as they evolve over the next few days and weeks. In these weekly updates, I hope to cover some of the main questions we are getting into school that that everyone has an overview of where things are up to.

It is the expectation that all students complete the work set for them, by their teachers, on SMHW. If they are stuck or have any questions then they can contact their teacher, during school hours, for support and help using SMHW. I know that we have also put lots of free, more general resources that lots of providers are making available on SMHW, the school website and Facebook page. There is certainly plenty for the students to be getting on with. We are also sending out some wellbeing information with some great activities to support a positive mental attitude during these challenging times.

## **Communication:**

Following on from recent correspondence, I write to advise you that we will move to a weekly update to parents, issued on Wednesday. Please do continue to look out for e-mail updates throughout the week from other members of staff.

Due to school being closed and only skeleton staff in school please can we ask that if you need to contact us to do so via email: [admin@corbetschool.net](mailto:admin@corbetschool.net). This will allow us to direct your question to our staff who are mostly now working from home. Please also check the new Facebook site – ‘The Corbet School – Coronavirus Updates’, and the school website where we are putting any daily updates we receive that may be useful to you.

## **Children in our care:**

By prior arrangement, only children of critical key workers who cannot be safely provided for at home by one or other parent can come into school. We are not expecting any new children to be added to this list unless the situation changes. This provision can be requested through the admin email and we will follow this up with a phone call to assess eligibility and then to make necessary arrangements to support this.

## **Site access:**

In line with recent guidance on 'non-essential travel', pupils will not be able to come into school to collect items. We will update you when the situation changes.

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**FSM:**

We will continue to distribute packed lunches to families who require this. If any family would like to receive these, who at the beginning of the week declined them, please let us know by contacting [admin@corbetschool.net](mailto:admin@corbetschool.net). We are in daily contact with Shropshire Council regarding e-vouchers. As soon as we have any information about these, we will let you know.

**Year 11 exams:**

Updated guidance was issued by Mr Simms on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 and we have no further updates at this stage.

**Home learning support pack:**

To be emailed by Mr Simms, this sets out our expectations and will support the wellbeing of the students with some useful activities and ideas. A good routine is key here, having a plan for the day and sticking to it.

**Options forms:**

if these have not yet been returned, please e-mail forms / choices to [admin@corbetschool.net](mailto:admin@corbetschool.net). The Options process will continue as we look towards the new school year in September.

**Leavers ball:**

We are in discussions with Hawkestone Park to consider the possibility of moving the Leavers Ball to a date later in the year.

**Leavers Hoodies:**

Please order through the link sent on SMHW by 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020. Hoodies will now be delivered by the company to home addresses. The link can also be found on the school website <https://www.leavershoodies.com/shop/corbetschool-2020>.

**Year 10 Work experience:**

All year 10 work experience placements have been cancelled for this academic year.

**Trips:**

France, Spain and Belgium (Battlefields) trips are all cancelled. We will provide further details as soon as they become available following our discussions with tour operators and insurance companies about financial implications.

**DofE:**

Expeditions this academic year have been cancelled. Details regarding rescheduled expeditions during the next academic year will be provided.

Thank you all for patience, support and understanding at what continues to be a challenging time for us all and above all else I hope that you are all well.

Yours sincerely

Dr Jane Tinker  
Headteacher