

Wednesday, 22 April 2020



THE CORBET SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Carer

Welcome to the third weekly update, it really does seem like we have been in lockdown for much longer than that and I hope that everyone is coping OK in these very strange times. Thank you for all the contact that we have been having from you and keep asking us questions we are here to help and support you in whatever way we can. I am only glad that the weather has been fine and hopefully that has helped with breaking up the schoolwork that has been set to spend some time on daily exercise or helping out in the garden? Please do remember to keep a focus on wellbeing and finding positive things to do that you enjoy – this is so important. I wonder how many of you used up your Easter Egg chocolate to make rocky road? We are continuing to talk about the work we are setting and want to reassure parents that we are trying our best to make things as straightforward as possible and your feedback is always welcomed. Any updates that we have about home learning will be on our website or the Facebook page for Coronavirus updates so that is always a good place to go if you are stuck and please remember that there are simple things that can be done too like reading or listening to a book, listening to music you have not listened to before, drawing, painting, sorting out your sock drawer, baking or just having the time to talk to each other.

PPE: as you may have seen on social media we have been busy trying to support our front line workers and carers with the donation of safety equipment and will hopefully have some photos to include next week so that you can see what we have been doing.

Whole school communication: we will continue with the weekly update on a Wednesday and 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. This will allow us to direct your question to our staff who are mostly now working from home.

Special Educational Needs: For all children with EHCPs and Looked After Children, Mrs Stokes and Mrs Davies have been making weekly phone calls to ensure that all is well. If there are any concerns or issues, please don't hesitate to contact us by the admin email.

Teaching & Learning (GS):

We are continuing to post work for pupils on Show My Homework as we were before the Easter period. All students should be accessing Show My Homework daily to ensure they don't miss work or messages from their teachers.

Year 11:

A letter from Mr Simms will be emailed to parents and posted on Show My Homework this week providing some more detail about GCSE grades. Also, there will be an update regarding home learning during the summer term for the Year 11s specifically.

Trips:

As you will now be aware, the following trips have been cancelled and refunds processed:

Cordoba, Spain, 18.5.2020

Rouen, France 15.06.2020

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WW1 Battlefield Trip 04.07.2020

Pupil Support (ALM)

If any parents have any concerns regarding their child's emotional wellbeing or mental health, please do not hesitate to contact us. Please remember that there is a lot of advice and support online and from your own GP. Pupil's at The Corbet School have had many assemblies about the importance of mental health and know that there is a very useful online service called Kooth. Kooth not only has a lot of information relating to all different types of mental health and worries that young people may have, but it also offers an online counselling service that is simple and straightforward to use.

Site access:

In line with recent guidance on 'non-essential travel', neither students or parents/guardians will be able to come into school to collect items. We will update you when the situation changes.

Finally, I do hope that the sun continues to shine and that you and your families stay well.

Yours sincerely



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