

Tuesday, 2nd June 2020



THE CORBET SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Carer

Welcome to the eighth weekly update - I cannot believe in many ways that it is only the eight update, this situation seems to have been going on for much longer than that. I do hope that you all had a lovely half term and are enjoying the sunny weather, I know that has certainly helped me feel a little happier during these very odd times. As we start to come out of lockdown there will inevitably be more questions than answers, but we will continue to do our very best and thank you for your support with this. I would also like to let you know that we find out the updates when you do too, from the government daily briefings, which are then followed up with DFE guidance that arrives with us after this point and can be subject to a number of revisions before we have the final version to work from and so thank you for your continued patience as we look to implement the wider opening of schools for Year 10 pupils. The government guidance is available to you all, but I think it would be useful to summarise a few key points:

- Schools will open to Year 10 from the 15th June and no earlier.
- Key workers and vulnerable children provision must be maintained.
- Only ¼ Year 10 pupils will be allowed on site at any one time, I plan to group them by bus route as we need to minimise mixing of pupils.
- Remote education is the predominant mode of education for these and all pupils.
- We can use a rota system to rotate pupils and staff.

Additionally, I can confirm that the Year 10 provision and the Key Worker provision will be entirely separate, located in different parts of the building and with different breaks and lunchtimes.

A much fuller plan will be sent out to Year 10 parents when it is ready but in outline, as I know parents are keen to know, this is the plan as it stands:

- Each pupil will attend school for one day a week from the 15th June Monday to Thursday.
- Week beg 15th June English, Maths and Science supported independent learning and a 1:1 socially distanced meeting with their tutor.
- Week beg 22nd June English, Maths and Science face-to-face support from a subject specialist.
- Week beg 29th June MFL, PSHE and hopefully options face-to-face support with a subject specialist.

For the remaining weeks the lessons are not confirmed at this stage as we will review how things are going and plan according but I can confirm that each Year 10 pupil will be in one

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day per week (the same day each week) and face-to-face support for remote learning will be in place.

We are currently in the process of completing Risk Assessments for wider re-opening, this will set out how we plan to maintain social distancing and ensure a comprehensive cleaning regime to minimise the risk of infection for all pupils and staff. Social distancing measures will also be in place on school transport who will be operating their buses at ¼ capacity to ensure social distancing.

Whole school communication: We will continue with the weekly update on a Tuesday 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.

As the number of pupils in school increases over the coming weeks, it is important that our practices and policies are in line with guidance that we are receiving from the DFE and our local authority. As a result of this advice, we have added an addendum to our Child Protection Policy and Behaviour policy; these can be seen on the school's website.

Pupil Support: As we find ourselves entering another half term of home-schooling and expect our children to continue their studies online, please can I remind you to check that your son/daughter are using social media safely and correctly. Prior to lockdown we were probably thinking of ways to try and get our children to use social media a little less, but now find ourselves celebrating that they have been able to stay in touch with friends and family due to this amazing technology. If you have any concerns regarding your child's safety online, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Please find below some useful links about e-safety below

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

<https://www.childnet.com/> (predominantly for children 6-9 years of age)

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/> (useful to find out about latest apps)

<https://www.itai.info/> (information about staying safe online in relation to radicalisation/extremism)

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>

School lunch: provision will return to normal from Monday 8th June where pupils will pay for their lunches unless they are in receipt of free school meals.

Site access: Over the next few weeks if you would like to collect any items from school, please phone to make an appointment to enable us to maintain social distancing.

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Finally, please continue to contact us with any questions and concerns using the admin email address, stay safe and well and thank you so much for your continued support, we really do appreciate it.

Yours sincerely

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