## Tuesday, 12 May 2020



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## Dear Parent / Carer

Welcome to the sixth weekly update, I have to say I cannot believe we are here again and I hope that you all enjoyed socially distanced VE day celebrations in the sunshine. Following Boris Johnson's updates on Sunday and the documents published yesterday, we are currently reading and thinking about the implications for us all at school. At its simplest, it looks very much like we are carrying on as we were with plans to be considered about some face to face time between Year 10 pupils and their teachers before the end of the summer term. As I have more news for you on this I will update you all and I am left feeling a little sad that it seems like it will be very slow, small steps towards our usual routines but we really do have to do what is best to protect as many people as we can from a second wave of Coronavirus; it seems we will have to live in lockdown for a little longer.

**Half Term:** School will be closed for the half term break from Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020. There will be no work set on SMHW during this time.

**VE day:** If anyone collected any memories of the day from relatives who were there, we would love to know about these. I know that Year 9 have been set a task on SMHW about this and I am looking forward to seeing the display about family memories of WW2 when we put it together.

**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: <a href="mailto:admin@corbetschool.net">admin@corbetschool.net</a>. This will allow us to direct your question to our staff who are mostly now working from home.

**Year 10 working from home:** In light of the Prime Minister's recent announcements, and following the analysis of the responses from the Year 10 pupil survey last week, we feel we are now in a position where we need to update our approach to teaching and learning for this particular year group. Precise details regarding our latest approach for Year 10s working from home will be published in next week's letter to parents.

Year 10s - Laptops, tablets & home internet access: We would like parents/guardians of Year 10 pupils who do not have access to a laptop or tablet, and/or home internet to phone the school to inform us at your earliest convenience. Please leave a message if there is no answer at school, including the pupil name and their tutor group. As a school we are trying our very best to support families as we all attempt to navigate through these uncertain times.

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**Pupil Support:** This week we have been conducting wellbeing checks for year 8 pupils. If your child has not yet sent a message via Show My Homework responding to their tutor, please could you encourage them to do so. If we haven't heard from pupils by the end of today, we will call home at some point over the next 5 working days.

**Menu for next week:** Monday – double turkey and cheese burger, lattice fries and sauce sachet; Tuesday – Roast Turkey Dinner; Wednesday – BBQ chicken, noodles, oriental vegetables; Thursday – Chicken Korma, rice, naan, peas and sweetcorn; Friday – sausage, chips and beans.

**Wellbeing:** Not surprisingly the demand for Kooth's services has increased dramatically since the crisis, however the number of counsellors has been increased to meet the demand so do encourage pupils to use the services. Kooth.com

**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 socially distancing.

Finally, please continue to contact us with any questions and concerns using the admin email address and stay safe and well.

Yours sincerely

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