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THE CORBET SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Carer

Welcome to the seventh weekly update and a new level of uncertainty about what school is going to look like over the next half term. I am sure that we are all experiencing uncertainty about the relaxation of lockdown and moving to a new normal; that is to be expected as we are in such unprecedented times. At school, we are working on a number of things this week: we are busy looking at Year 11 and what we need to be sending to the exam boards and what 'face-to-face' supported remote learning for Year 10 will look like next half term alongside evolving our approach to remote learning to support the students through feedback on their work. I am confident that we can move forward over the next few weeks and hopefully start to return to some sort of normal.

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

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.

Teaching and Learning: As already mentioned, we are looking at various options available in order to update our approach to remote learning for all our pupils. Unfortunately, the government guidance promised regarding 'face-to-face' support for Year 10 pupils has still not been released to schools. As such, we are apprehensive about changing our systems we have in place until we have more concise information about what will be expected of us at school. One of our main concerns is how we facilitate support in school for Year 10s, Key Worker children, and vulnerable children, whilst also applying social distancing rules. This could potentially require far more teaching staff on site each day, which would put increased pressure on the continued need to support the year groups who are not permitted in school and remain working from home. As soon as we have the government directives concerning this, we aim to communicate our plans for teaching and learning in school and at home during the next phase of 'lock-down'.

Learning Support: This week, Shropshire has published some information around their response to changes in legislation for those children with additional needs and you can view this in the accompanying letter. If you have any questions or concerns about this information, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Stokes to discuss further.

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Pupil Support: This week we have been conducting wellbeing checks for year 7 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.

Please can we remind you that if you are encountering any problems regarding wellbeing, mental health or work, please do contact the school and talk to us.

School lunch: provision will remain unchanged during the w/c Monday 1st June; there will be no charge for lunches to pupils in school at this time.

Wellbeing: The Charlie Waller Memorial trust are a youth mental health charity who have provided books for the Corbet School library and resources for teachers. They have Clare Balding hosting a virtual quiz at 7.30 tonight. At a time when our mental wellbeing and resilience is being truly tested, this is a great way to relax and enjoy some light-hearted fun! It is free to play, although you can make a donation. They have a Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/events/607764909818853/> or direct from their website <https://www.cwmt.org.uk/live-virtual-quiz>.

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.

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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