

Monday, 01 June 2020



THE CORBET SCHOOL

Headteacher Dr Jane Tinker BSc MA(Ed) EdD NPQH

Dear Parents/Guardians

I would normally be writing to you at this time of year to invite your son/daughter to attend an induction day with us in July. Unfortunately, we will not be able to offer our usual transition day this year. However, I do want to take this opportunity to try and put your minds at ease a little and tell you that this doesn't mean there will be no form of transition work this summer term.

In this first week after half term, I would normally be making my visits to the 9 feeder primary schools to meet the year 6 pupils and chat with their teacher, however this again will be something that will not take place in its usual way. We are currently working closely with the primary schools to ascertain the best approach and, as I'm sure you can appreciate, we must ensure that we are following all guidelines given to us by the DFE to ensure that all your children and our staff are as safe as possible in both their primary and secondary setting. We are awaiting further guidance about the opening of secondary schools and therefore I cannot state at this time whether we will have the opportunity to invite groups of year 6 pupils into our school during this term or whether we will even be able to meet them in person. Parents/Guardians of children with SEND, Mrs Stokes our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator will be liaising with primary staff to find out more about the additional needs of your child and if you have any concerns you would like to share with her, she would welcome you contacting her or Mrs Davies, the Assistant SENCO, at the Corbet School.

We have started to plan for a more virtual approach to our transition work; discussing the need for zoom meetings with children and some key staff within the school, creating a pupil handbook with lots of answers to questions that young people may have and we are even trying to create a virtual tour of The Corbet. As always, I will be asking your child who they wish to be placed with in their tutor group; but this year this information gathering will be co-ordinated by the primary schools and I am sure your child's school will be in contact about this in due course.

We will be in touch again soon, to let you know of our plans, but in the meantime if you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact The Corbet School via admin@corbetschool.net

Also, please can the documents enclosed be returned to The Corbet School via the reception drop box or via post to the address below as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

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