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Dear Parent / Carer

Unfortunately, we have been advised of a further confirmed case of COVID-19 within the Year 7 bubble. We are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health England. Please refer to my letter dated 22 June 2021 for further information and guidance around managing the transmission of COVID-19. The children who have been in close contact with the individual who tested positive for COVID-19 have received a letter informing them that they must stay at home for 10 days. All schoolwork for pupils who have been asked to isolate can be accessed through Satchel. The school remains open and your child should continue to attend as normal if they remain well and have not been asked to isolate. I would like to thank you all for your continued support, and although incredibly inconvenient, urge everyone to follow government direction regarding pupils self-isolating.

As an additional precautionary measure, we will be continuing to ask staff and pupils to wear face coverings in lessons in accordance with guidance:

The reintroduction of face coverings for pupils, students or staff may be advised for a temporary period in response to particular localised outbreaks, including variants of concern. In all cases, any educational drawbacks should be balanced with the benefits of managing transmission. The Local Action Committee structure (Bronze/Silver/Gold) should be used in such circumstances to reintroduce the use of face coverings. Immediate outbreak response (at the level of individual settings or a cluster of settings) remains for local Directors of Public Health to advise on."

In response to this latest positive case of COVID-19 in the school, we are recommending daily LFD testing of pupils and their families; and staff and their families continues for 7 consecutive days from the date of this letter. This will assist with the early identification and isolation of cases linked to the school. Please email corbet.covidtesting@corbetschool.net or ask your child to speak to their Form Tutor should you require more test kits.

I am now able to confirm the arrangements for the last day of term:

Lessons 1, 2 and 3 will be as normal.

Year 7 & 8 Lunch 12.30 – 1.00pm (1.00 – 1.30pm Tutor Time).

Year 9 & 10 Lunch 1.00 – 1.30pm (12.30 – 1.00pm Tutor Time).

1.30 – 2.00pm Whole School Assembly Zoom.

2.00pm – Pupils will be dismissed form school (normal school buses will be available).

Revised holiday dates: please see the attached update Term Dates 2021-2022

I would like to make you aware at this stage that there have been some tentative proposals made by the government for schools to be expected to COVID-19 test all pupils prior to their return in September. If this does prove to be the case, we will need to stagger the start of term to allow for this to happen. Further details will follow regarding this when I have more information.

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We would like to offer all parents/carers of Year 7 & 8 pupils the opportunity to have an online appointment using the schoolcloud system we have successfully used for parents' evenings this year. The appointment will provide the opportunity for the Form Tutor to discuss overall progress pupils have made throughout the year with parents/carers. Letters regarding the appointments will be emailed over the coming days.

Letters confirming Options Choices for Year 9 pupils will be emailed to parents/carers this week.

Year 11 pupils have recently received their final report detailing all of their evidence used to determine their GCSE grades. We have also published letters providing information about exam results day and the appeals process this year. Should any parents/carers feel they have not received any of this information, please contact school and we will be happy to send another copy.

Year 10 exams have been going very well over the last two weeks, with pupils taking things seriously and behaving extremely sensibly. I hope they receive grades they are pleased with once the papers have been marked by their teachers.

I am pleased to say that the PE changing rooms extension work is progressing nicely, and the science lab refurbishment work is now underway. We look forward to pupils benefitting from these resources in the new school year.

Uniform: Thank you for your support with school uniform over the last couple of weeks, if purchasing new uniform for September please do check the guidelines carefully. Piercings: start of the school holidays so they can be removed upon return in September. Please see separate letter and guidance.

Just a polite reminder that the school e-mail addresses changed some time ago but e-mails to the old address are no longer being forwarded therefore please could you ensure you are using the new e-mail addresses of:

admin@corbetschool.net pastoral@corbetschool.net absence@corbetschool.net

Please do remember to use the email addresses above to advise us of any concerns as we move unbelievably towards the end of this academic year.

Yours sincerely

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