

22nd May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

We do hope that you and your family are well at this difficult time for us all. We are writing to you as Executive Principal and Principal of Corby Technical School to keep you informed of our commitment to educate your child in as safe an environment as possible and to advise you of our current proposals for the summer term. As you may be aware, the Government announced specific plans for the return to school of some primary aged children. However, their announcement for secondary aged children was 'we expect that secondary schools will be able to offer some face to face contact with year 10 students. This will not be a return to full timetables or students back in school full time, rather some support to supplement students' remote education.' There was no information regarding other year groups. The Government further announced that they will make the final decision on whether to press ahead with the reopening of schools when they review the latest science on May 28th.

We would like to reassure you and your child that we are working on plans which we believe are more ambitious than this, for all year groups. As you would expect, the safety of our children, their families and our staff is our first priority. Therefore, we have been working diligently to consider how best to do this and we are in the process, as a Trust, of carrying out extensive risk assessments. Once these have been concluded, and the Government have made the 28th May announcement, the Principal will write to you again with much more detailed information. We know you understand that our planning may change in light of the Government announcement and ask you to please bear with us. Our plans are outlined below:

Years 7-9

Students will continue to learn via Microsoft Teams and will continue to be set assignments each week and receive teacher feedback on those. More specific information for each year group will continue to be shared on the home learning area of the school website. As always, if you or your child have any queries about home learning or require any support, please email: homelearning@corbytechnicalschool.org

Students will continue to receive pastoral care and support via tutor time and an assembly each week. Please see the home learning section of the school website for more resources on wellbeing and safeguarding during this time.

Year 10 students

We are pleased to advise you that we currently anticipate being able to return to teaching for Year 10 in school for some of the school week, subject to the outcome of risk assessments and the Government announcement. We would be hoping to have our plans for Year 10 in place and be ready to open by 15th June.

We encourage parents and carers to think very carefully about what is right for their own child if we are able to provide this opportunity to attend in June. If you could complete this short survey to let us know whether you intend to send your child to school or not, this is entirely your decision. The survey can be accessed here and should take 2 minutes to complete: <https://tinyurl.com/yc995xys>. If you are able to complete by Friday 29th May as this will aid us with our planning.

In order to prepare students for a return to school we are preparing a number of broadcasts to support students that will include: student welfare, how the school will operate, what school will look like, the school experience for our students and our behaviour expectations of students. We will also outline our learning plan and the commitment we expect of students during these sessions. These broadcasts will be

available on Microsoft Teams and you are very welcome to join your child for these sessions. Further details will be sent over the next few weeks. You will have the opportunity to follow up with any questions and we will make staff available to answer any queries you may have.

Further guidance for parents and carers of Year 10 students was issued by the government on 21st May which can be accessed here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-secondary-school-children-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>.

We would like to thank you and your family for the continued support you have shown the school. We understand that attendance at school may be a very difficult decision for some parents to make and we will respect and support your decision. We are looking forward to welcoming your child back to school as soon as it is right to do so.

Please do not hesitate to contact us on enquiries@corbytechnicalschool.org should you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,



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Executive Principal



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