

11<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are almost at our mid-way point of our first term back together as a school community. The students have been superb and have adapted very well to all of the new ways of working that we have introduced and I would like to thank all of our parents and carers for supporting us in ensuring this has been a positive start.

You may be aware that over the last week Corby was added to the government surveillance list as an “area of concern”. As a school we have our procedures under constant review and we will make adaptations where necessary if we feel that such changes will keep students and staff safe. Over the last few weeks we have asked that students wear masks when travelling to and from their year group zones at the start and end of the school day. Almost all students are complying with these expectations and to support this scheme further on Monday we will be providing every child with a set of three washable face masks for their own personal use.

There have been some cases in the local area recently where schools have had a member of their community test positive for COVID-19. As a consequence, those schools have acted on advice from Public Health England and groups of students have been asked to isolate at home. In the event of any member of our school community testing positive we will follow these same procedures. School staff have developed contingency plans to support remote education should we need to close the school to groups of students. If we have to enact these procedures you will be notified by text and e-mail using our normal school systems. Please ensure that the details that the school hold are up-to-date.

In order to keep the school community safe, it is essential that all families follow the [stay-at-home guidance](#) issued by the government. Government guidance issued to schools makes it very clear that in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19, we must ensure that we **“minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school”**. In addition, if a student comes into close contact with a person who has tested positive they must also self-isolate.

As a reminder the symptoms are:

- new and persistent cough;
- a high temperature;
- a loss of or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

You must not send your child into school if they have any of these symptoms even if you feel that this symptom relates to another illness. We are happy to advise any parents who are unsure, so please contact us on [enquiries@corbytechnicalschool.org](mailto:enquiries@corbytechnicalschool.org) and someone will be in touch.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs A Reynolds  
Principal