

5<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the Government announcement yesterday evening, all schools in England have been asked to close from today (Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January) as part of a national lockdown planned in response to a surge in COVID-19 and a new variant in the virus.

This will mean that the vast majority of pupils will need to remain at home until further information is available on when schools will be able to re-open. At the moment, there is no clear date for when primary and secondary schools will be able to re-open to pupils, but we will update you as soon as this information becomes available.

We will be providing online learning for all pupils while our secondary school is closed. All pupils have started their remote learning today and we are very pleased with how well most students are engaging. We are registering students into all lessons and we will be in contact with you if your child is not engaging with their learning.

Our school will remain open for vulnerable children and the children of key workers, as was the case during the national lockdown from March to June last year. The criteria used to identify vulnerable children and key workers can be found [here](#).

While the school is closed, we encourage you to keep monitoring the Government's advice – the information can be found on the Government website: <https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus>.

**Free School meals:**

We will continue to offer free school meals for eligible children during this period while the school is closed. Details will be sent separately.

**Year 11 students:**

The Government has confirmed that there will be changes to GCSE and A-level examinations, however, it was not confirmed what these changes will be. We will share more information with you on this as it becomes available to us. It is vitally important that all students in Year 11 continue with their learning as normal and students must continue to engage with the 'live' lessons we are providing. Some year 11 students have external exams scheduled next week and they must ensure that they are fully prepared for these as these will still be going ahead.

**Communication:**

- For enquiries relating to free school meals, critical workers, or vulnerable children please e-mail: [enquiries@corbytechnicalschool.org](mailto:enquiries@corbytechnicalschool.org).
- If your child needs a password reset for Microsoft Teams, please e-mail: [password@corbytechnicalschool.org](mailto:password@corbytechnicalschool.org)
- If you have any other queries, please contact your child's tutor directly. All contact details are on our school website [here](#).

We will continue to keep you informed via our school website and we will text you when this is updated.

We know this latest announcement will cause disruption for many families and we would like to thank you for your continued patience and understanding as we follow Government guidance.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A Reynolds". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "A".

Mrs A Reynolds  
Principal