

1st March 2021

Return of all students in Term 4

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all of your support throughout Term 3, I hope that the students will enjoy a well-deserved two-week break from their remote learning. We are writing with our plans for the full re-opening next term and are very much looking forward to welcoming our students back into school.

Most of the safety measures and organisation protocols in school have remained the same as they were before Christmas. Attendance is compulsory for all students but please be reminded that students should not attend if they are self-isolating, for example:

- they have tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 10 days of their school start date
- they are symptomatic of COVID-19 (one or more symptoms)
- if a member of their household (including a support/childcare bubble) has symptoms or has tested positive.
- if they are subject to quarantine.

Please inform the school if your child is self-isolating, or if you are unsure and would like to check with us.

We have updated our guidance booklet (attached) and ask you to review this with your child/children to ensure they are prepared for their return. There are some key changes that are summarised below, more detail is given in the booklet.

Phased return & asymptomatic testing

To ensure the safest possible start to Term 4 we have planned our return for students as a phased approach. Each tutor group of students will be welcomed back on a designated day and time. These details can be found in the table on the final page of this letter. This staggered start for students will ensure that we can test students before they return to face-to-face teaching. All students should arrive at their designated time, we will then keep students socially distanced until they receive a negative test and return to class. Students who have not consented should still arrive at the designated time and will return to class with their peers. Students who test positive will be required to self-isolate.

Once students have returned to class, learning for the remainder of the day will then resume as normal. Please ensure you have read our [consent letter](#) and completed the [consent form](#) by **4pm on Wednesday 10th March 2021**.

As not all students will return to school at the same time, students who are not due to attend will be set remote learning activity (see page 8 of the guidance booklet).

Wearing of face masks

Government guidance now recommends that students wear face masks in the school building where social distancing cannot easily be maintained. Students had become very familiar with wearing face masks during Term 2 in corridors and communal areas, this will now also extend to the wearing of face masks in classrooms.

Students should have their own face masks and may want to bring 2-3 to use throughout the day for comfort. We will be aiming to increase student access to outdoor space now that the weather has improved so that students can get some much-needed fresh air. As before, we will be ventilating classrooms at regular intervals. Students who are exempt will not be required to wear a mask and will be given a school exemption card.

It has been a while since students have been at school, here are some other back-to-school reminders:

- Full school uniform should be worn by all students. Students may still wear a jumper or hoodie over their uniform as classrooms may still be a little 'chilly' when we ventilate.
- Students should have their own personal stationery to use: pen, pencil, ruler, rubber, scientific calculator.
- Students should bring a refillable water bottle to use.
- Students should have sufficient funds on their Wisepay account if purchasing school meals. If not, they must bring their own packed lunch and snacks.

If there are any further developments with government guidance we will update you, but I hope for now the booklet gives you a good understanding of how we intend to operate. As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions by emailing enquiries@corbytechnicalschool.org.

I really appreciate your patience and continued support. I am confident that together we will make this return to school a success, I look forward to seeing our students in school again soon.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Reynolds'.

Angela Reynolds
Principal

PHASED RETURN DATES & TIMES

We ask that on their first day students enter the school using the main gates and make their way to the side entrance of the Sports Hall located at the left hand side of the building. On subsequent days they should use their usual entrance.

The table below details the times of arrival for each class group, it is important that you adhere to these times as we are unable to accommodate students who arrive too early. Your support with this is very much appreciated.

Monday 15th March

Time	Group	Time	Group
8.00	7 Keyworker*	10.50	10Ca
8.35	8 Keyworker*	11.10	10Co
8.55	9 Keyworker*	11.30	10St
9.20	All year 12 students	11.50	10Sw
9.40	11Ca	12.10	10Ta
10.00	11Te	12.30	10Te
10.20	11St		

*Students in the Year 7, 8 and 9 Key worker group who have been attending throughout Term 3 can attend at the appointment time above or attend at the appointment time of their tutor group.

Tuesday 16th March

Time	Group	Time	Group
8.00	8Ca	10.00	9Ca
8.20	8Co	10.20	9Co
8.40	8St	10.40	9St
9.00	8Sw	11.00	9Sw
9.20	8Ta	11.20	9Ta
9.40	8Te	11.40	9Te

Wednesday 17th March

Time	Group	Time	Group
8.00	7Ca	10.00	7Ta
8.20	7Co	10.20	7Te
8.40	7Cu	10.40	7Tu
9.00	7Si		
9.20	7St		
9.40	7Sw		