



30th March 2020

1.30pm

Dear Parents,

Thank you for all the positive engagement with the new social distancing measures – please can I remind parents that this means that students **should not be out in the community** in groups - the government has asked parents to **keep their children at home at all times** wherever possible.

Home learning

Although the news in relation to the coronavirus continues to be bleak I want to thank you for the many emails received by staff thanking them for all their hard work. I would also like to thank you as parents for the incredible support you are providing your children to complete activities. We recognise that home working is an unusual situation for our students and as such the work set on DODDLE is commensurate with a realistic amount of time which would have been spent in lessons. We are currently working on developing Microsoft teams for further delivery and support of students and the aim is to share this information with parents and students later this week. In the interim we have asked all staff to share email addresses when setting work on DODDLE so that students can also ask for support and feedback. Please do bear with us as we finalise the IT systems.

School Meals

The government has confirmed that they are developing a national approach to providing support through supermarket and shop vouchers and advise they will provide further information shortly. While there is little certainty, it is likely to be up and running during this week. The government has set up a webpage containing guidance around the impact of coronavirus (COVID-19) on pupils who qualify for free school meals. Please keep an eye on the following link for updates: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-free-school-meals-guidance>.

Examinations 2020

Ofqual has committed to sharing its approach to ensuring fairness in GCSE, A level and vocational qualifications this week. They have stated that they “expect to publish detailed information about the process and timetable which will apply this summer next week. This will include the steps we would like teachers to follow and more detailed guidance on how to consider the full range of evidence they will have available when submitting their assessment grades”. As soon as this is available we will communicate with students and parents about the process. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/further-update-on-2020-exams>

Easter Holiday

The Local Authority is working closely with schools to remain open during the Easter Holidays to provide places for vulnerable children, and children of workers critical to the COVID-19 response. Cox Green will be open to provide this service if it is required – our SAFE team will be contacting families this week to consider demand.

Information for parents

The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead is continually keeping its web pages up-to-date with the latest information and guidance for both residents and businesses. If you have queries in relation to local and national changes as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak, please refer them to these pages: [COVID19 resident update page](#) ; [COVID19 business update page](#). The government is also now operating a new Whatsapp service: To use the free [GOV.UK Coronavirus Information Service on WhatsApp](#), simply add 07860 064422 in your phone contacts and then message the word 'hi' in a WhatsApp message to get started.

Finally do please keep in contact – email us either at teacher email addresses or via enquiries@coxgree.com and we will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

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Government guidance which is updated on a daily basis: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>