



Friday 22nd May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Since the Prime Minister's statement over a week ago, the government has been clarifying its plans for the reopening of schools in England. There has been and continues to be, significant debate about what this process will look like and how it can work in practice, ensuring the safety of both students and staff.

The government guidance is as follows:

"From 1st June 2020, we expect that secondary schools and colleges will be able to offer some face to face contact with Year 10 and Year 12 pupils. This will not be a return to full timetables or pupils back in school or college full time, rather some support to supplement pupils' remote learning. In line with implementing protective measures and reducing contacts, schools and colleges should limit the attendance of the Year 10 and 12 cohorts in the setting at any one time and to keep students in small groups as set out in our guidance. Schools and colleges should also ensure that the use of public transport for travel to and from school/college is minimised, especially at peak times. We will be consulting with sector representatives over the coming week in order to develop some suggested models to demonstrate how this could operate, which will be published along with further guidance for secondary schools in the coming weeks."

Based on the guidance we have made the following decisions:

Key worker and vulnerable students

Children of key workers and those deemed to be vulnerable will continue to attend school. We ask that parents confirm attendance on a weekly basis so that a register can be developed. We would be grateful if parents could confirm attendance a week in advance to ensure that we can plan appropriately.

Years 7-9

Online learning will continue for all students in Years 7-9.

- Student engagement is being assessed by staff based on the submission of work, rather than students gaining a "present" mark simply logging onto the online learning portals (TEAMS or DODDLE). Where staff have concerns the subject teacher or a member of the pastoral team will contact home to assess if there are any problems and what support can be offered.
- We would ask that parents email the following email address : onlinelearning@coxgreen.com if you have any concerns and a member of the Leadership team will endeavour to resolve your concern as soon as possible.
- If students are receiving paper copies of work we would ask that these are either scanned or photographed and sent via email so that staff can provide feedback.

Years 10 and 12

Online learning will continue for all students in Years 10 and 12.

Thank you to all of you have completed our survey – the information provided is being used to develop an in school provision for those parents/students who replied YES to the question - **Are you intending to send your child to school?**

- The provision will begin on Monday 8th June.
- Students will receive a personalised invitation to attend school on specific dates.

Year 10

- Students will be allocated to a group and this will be their teaching group whilst they are in school. This group will be no larger than 8 students.
- Parents and students will be provided with the expected protocols for hygiene and social distancing in the invitation letter and we would ask that all families confirm receipt of this by email.
- The start time for the school day is yet to be confirmed and break times will be staggered to ensure that social distancing is maintained.
- Students should attend school in their Cox Green PE kit as this is easily washed and comfortable.
- We will endeavour to ensure that all students have the opportunity to participate in some form of physical activity during the day.

Year 12

- Year 12 online learning provision will be reviewed in order to ensure it is providing students with the appropriate challenge and support.
- Initially, the focus will be on academic mentoring, however we will review the provision to ensure that it supports the students with their learning.

As you will appreciate this is a complex exercise in which we are putting the health and safety of the students and staff first – we have to do what is best for them. The aim is to give the students some face to face tuition and opportunities for reflection and review in order to mitigate some of the negative effects of being out of school for so long.

Centre Assessed Grading

‘Centre Assessed Grades’ for all students in Year 11 and 13 have been created, and I have been finalising the process as Head of Centre before the grades are submitted. As stated from the outset, we are unable to share or discuss these grades with you and the final decision regarding grades will be made by Ofqual and the Examination Boards. We appreciate that this is an anxious time while we wait for the final results in the Summer, but in the meantime Year 11 and 13 students should contact the school if they need any guidance or advice about their ‘next steps’. We are really excited and looking forward to welcoming back as many of our Year 11 as possible into our Sixth form in September. Mrs Gibbons, Head of Sixth Form, and the Sixth Form team will be contacting Year 11 students regarding the Enrolment Process and the transition resources available to support them over the next few months.

We will be holding a staff meeting on Friday 5th June at 9.15am. Sessions timetabled for the online learning timetable at this time will be rescheduled.

Finally, this is national “Mental Health Awareness Week” – please do take the time to look after yourselves and we will look forward to welcoming your child back to school on our return.

Yours sincerely

Frances Walsh
Headteacher