



Wednesday 3rd June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the phased return to primary school continues, we want to update you with our preparations for welcoming our Year 10 and Year 12 students back to school from 15th June. Recent guidance from the Government has confirmed this date for secondary schools. It was very pleasing to note the positive response to our survey, with over 75% of those who took part in the survey saying that they intend to send their children to school from the 15th June.

It has been very positive to engage with the increased number of children of critical workers and those deemed to be vulnerable attending school this week. Thank you to parents for keeping us informed. Please do continue to confirm attendance a week in advance to ensure that we can plan appropriately.

Our online learning provision will continue with MS Teams and DODDLE for those who are unable to access Teams. Thank you for all the encouragement to date – for many children the second half of the summer term will become more challenging as they will be missing the social interaction of school and the instant feedback in lessons. Please do continue to encourage your children to engage and to share their best 3 pieces of work with their form teacher so that it can be celebrated. As mentioned previously please do email onlinelearning@coxgreen.com if you have any concerns about the quantity/quality of work being set and a member of the Leadership team will endeavour to resolve your concern as soon as possible. House challenges are continuing and students can still receive achievement and HOUSE points. Please do keep an eye on the weekly newsletter which is full of excellent ideas and suggestions.

The Prime Minister stated that approximately 25% of Year 10 and 12 students were going to be welcomed back to school from 15th June. From Cox Green this means there will be approximately 30 Year 10 students, up to 25 Year 12 students plus the children of critical workers and vulnerable students in school on any given day. This will mean that in the five teaching weeks that remain from 15 June the majority of students in these year groups will not be in school on any given day. This period should be seen as a supplement to the online learning which will continue to be the main vehicle for the education of all students in the school. Our focus remains very much on making the online learning experience as effective as possible: our practices are under constant review in order to improve wherever possible.

Our plans for Year 10, which have the safety of both students and staff as our primary concern, will have a key focus on academic mentoring, a review of work to date and guidance on how to improve engagement and some face to face teaching with a particular focus on core subjects of English, Maths and Science. For Year 12 the initial focus will be on academic mentoring, in conjunction with online teaching and where feasible, some face to face teaching. Students will be receiving a personalised letter to invite them to attend on specific dates and this will also include information on equipment, clothing and behaviour expectations.

Due to this unparalleled situation there will be no end of term exams, nor will there be reports. We will however continue to communicate with you in relation to student engagement, using submission of tasks to monitor this and to contact parents where concerns exist and to offer support.

I hope that you and your families are safe, well and happy.

Yours sincerely

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