



Wednesday 10th June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

The final preparations are now being made for the return of Year 10 and 12 to a “face to face” provision next week. Thank you for the incredible engagement and feedback from parents which has made this process so positive and we will look forward to welcoming them on site from Monday.

Thanks also to all the students for their positive engagement with the online learning provision. Please do engage with our weekly newsletter which is being used to showcase some of the fantastic work that is being produced whilst in lockdown. Please can I stress how important it is that students continue to engage with the online learning provision via MS Teams and DODDLE. Work can be submitted straight on TEAMS – students do not need to access DODDLE as well. The DODDLE provision is in place to support those students who cannot access MS Teams for any reason and the work on both is exactly the same. 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.

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

This week will see the submission of exam grades to the examination boards. Students from Year 10 to Year 14 have been impacted by the cancellation of the examinations - Year 10 students taking their RS GCSE, Year 11 taking all their GCSE examinations which will impact on their post 16 choices, Year 12 students who were taking AS Level examinations, Year 13 and 14 students taking all examinations which will impact on their University, Apprenticeship and work plans. We know these are very stressful times for students and want to reassure them that we will be working with them as we move forward to ensure that they can access the many opportunities for future study.

A final reminder that we have transitioned to the EDULINK app for our online communication. If you have not yet registered, the information can be found here: <http://www.coxgreen.com/d/letter/2019-20/Edulink%20Current%20Pupils.pdf>

There has been increasing speculation in the press that schools may not return in September, or, if they do, that some form of hybrid arrangement, with students partly in school and partly online, will apply. The plain fact is that we do not yet know what will happen in September because the government has not confirmed any decisions. That is understandable, as it is still too early to state with any certainty what the prevailing coronavirus conditions will be by the end of this month, let alone the end of August. What I can say is that all arrangements will have the safety of both students and staff as a key priority. When the guidance is published and the national situation is clearer, we will be able to respond and we will inform you immediately.

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

Yours sincerely

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