

Thursday, 27 August 2020



THE CORBET SCHOOL

Headteacher Dr Jane Tinker BSc MA(Ed) EdD NPQH

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have had an enjoyable summer break and that you are looking forward to the start of the Autumn Term. I am looking forward to welcoming the students back to school next week but just wanted to communicate with you after what has been a very strange summer with the GCSE results issues and the guidance on face masks seemingly changing daily. I have sent you the September 2020 guidance issued before the summer break – there have been no changes to this document as a result of any updates in the guidance. In addition, I thought I would in draw out a few key points:

The Government guidance is founded on 3 key strategies:- Distancing, Hand Hygiene, & Respiratory Hygiene, the underpinning principles I have set out below but please do take time to read through the attached documents about transport to school and what school will be like when your child arrives with us.

- Pupils or staff showing any signs of coronavirus should not attend school and arrange to have a test. All other members of their household should self-isolate until the results come through. If negative, all can return to normal activity. If positive, it is a 7-day isolation for the person who is ill and a 14-day isolation for all other members of their household. Anyone showing symptoms at school will be isolated and sent home **therefore it is very important that we have correct contact details and that a parent or carer is available to come and collect their child if needed.** *We will use the Reception Meeting Room as a waiting area for pupils with Covid-19 symptoms. They will be issued with a mask and the doors and windows will be open in the room if possible. The room will be cleaned when they leave the school site.*
- Catch it, bin it, kill it will be in place and we have more lidded bins around the school site.
- Pupils will hand sanitise on the way into every building/classroom.
- Pupils will not need to socially distance from other pupils in their year group, but they will have to socially distance from staff.
- Pupils will be in year group bubbles who will mix as infrequently as possible during the school day.
- A full risk assessment will be in place.
- There is a major focus on hand hygiene and to facilitate this there are hand sanitisers around the school site.

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Examples of how we are responding include: -

Installation of 60 hand sanitiser dispensers at entrances to buildings.

A one-way system has been introduced, and year groups will be allocated to specified areas of school both in classrooms and outside areas.

We will explain all of this to the students when they arrive with us next week, they will be with their tutors for lessons 1 and 2 to give us plenty of time to check everyone is OK and to go through all of the new procedures in place to keep us all safe. Just a reminder that school opens for pupils on Wednesday 2nd September, Years 8,9 & 10 only will return to school and meet with their tutors until the end of lesson 2 to talk through their experiences of lockdown and the new arrangements in place at school and go into their lessons 3 to 5. The pupils are to go straight to their form room listed in the document attached. On Thursday, we will welcome back Year 7 & 11 only, as the new Year 7 have not been able to experience New Intake Day, Years 8,9 & 10 will not attend school on Thursday to give Year 7 the chance for this experience and to ease them into The Corbet School. Year 11 to go to their form rooms listed in the document and Year 7 to go to the Hall or if it is dry the tennis courts. Staff will be on hand to support pupils and guide them where they need to go. Again, it will be a tutor session until the end of lesson 2 and then normal lessons for Year 7 and 11. On Friday we will welcome everyone back for a normal day of lessons so that everyone is settled back at school before the weekend.

We will be operating in a very different way, in order to keep us all safe, and at the same time enable us to deliver a high-quality education for our pupils. I will be watching the guidance on face coverings over the weekend and send out guidance on this on the PD day.

It will be a very busy start to the term, filled with a level of uncertainty for us all but please be assured that we will look after and care for your children in our usual way and nothing has changed there. We will, I am sure, all feel a little better once we have been back a few days and are settling into the new routines. Please do contact us with any questions and we will do our very best to get back to you as quickly as we can.

Best wishes,



Dr J Tinker
Headteacher

Enclosures:

- The September 2020 guidance document we sent out the last week of term
- The letter from the transport team at Shropshire Council