

May 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Parental Update No 9

I hope you are all keeping safe and well but also enjoying this glorious weather.

Tomorrow is the first day of the new half term and we will be back to home learning for Years 7-9 on a full-time basis. We will restart lessons online and all our pastoral support will continue. This will remain now until the end of the school year.

School Survey

Please find a few minutes to complete our online survey about remote learning at CVEA as it helps us review our provision and service to students and parents. Thank you to those who have already completed this.

Year 10 return to school

Year 10 will begin to have some 1:1 and small group sessions in school week beginning Monday 15th June. I will be writing out to all Year 10 parents and students with very detailed plans, behaviour codes, and safety guidance etc in the next few days. Our Year 10 parental survey indicated strongly that many of you wanted to know the health and safety details for the return of students. I will share this in a detailed guidance document however Year 10 will also continue to do remote learning and lessons alongside the small group support on-site. It is your decision whether you attend or not and there are no fines for non-attendance at school. The Government are encouraging parents to allow their children back into school.

Keyworker/ vulnerable students

We are still open each day for students in any year group who are children of key workers or vulnerable students. Ms Woollett and Ms Hornsby have sent separate letters to many families explaining our extra provision and guidance.

Year 11 Prom

I have taken quite a few email calls on this topic. As previously stated our Prom is not cancelled, it is postponed. I promised Year 11 we would do an event when we are allowed and I gave them my word that would happen. This has not changed. However, I do not know when we will be allowed to have a large gathering. Our venue is aware, our booking simply on hold until we can go ahead.

Refunds for Trips abroad

This saga continues. Those parents who had paid for visits abroad, which were cancelled, are still waiting for a refund as we battle with insurance companies to sort this out. Our current position is that the tour operators have refused to refund our money so we are pursuing this through the school insurance policy. This is not finalised yet however, I am confident it will be. I apologise for the long delay with this. It has been very challenging for us but I am determined to see this through and get your refund sorted somehow. I hope you understand this is taking time but hopefully will be a positive outcome.

Free School Meal Vouchers

Only on Thursday we were informed that this can be granted for the May half-term week. You will be received 2 weeks' worth of vouchers to cover the May half term and this coming week. We seem to have had very few problems with this scheme despite negative public press nationally. Our staff have managed it very well on your behalf. Any issues please use the enquiries@cvea.co.uk email and we will back to you as soon as possible.

Any year 10 students who attend short sessions from 15th June will not lose their fsm vouchers.

Risk Assessments

We are currently completing detailed risk assessments for the opening up of school to more staff and students. I will be sending out to you a shorter guidance sheet version to explain our plans for student safety. There will a short window of opportunity to comment on our plans and ask any questions.

In the coming weeks, Year 10 parents and students will receive quite a few emails with our re-opening plans on. Please read each one carefully so you are up to date with the arrangements. There will be no transport available for Year 10 students coming into school. The Government guidance encourages students to walk singularly into school. Those from further afield may use public transport or parents can organise lifts. The car park will not be open so we suggest students are dropped off nearby and walk into school. Further details to follow. School uniform will not be required. Again any questions please email.

Laptops

We have been able to secure a small number of laptops for our students. Most have been issued based on our survey with students before went into lockdown. If you are struggling at home with no access at all to a laptop to complete online work please let us know. We have a few spares we can loan to students until our return. Again use the enquiries@cvea.co.uk to contact us.

Thank you for your continued support during these challenging times. Keep safe and we look forward to continuing to work with you supporting your child in the coming months.

Yours faithfully



Mrs J S Bridges OBE
Principal

