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Dear Parents/Carers

As I write this, we are coming to the end of week 2 and the students are settling in to the new routines. Remote learning has gone very well this week and it has been reassuring to see the degree of confidence with which the boys now engage with online tasks and live sessions. Thank you for supporting them in setting this up.

We have been very fortunate to have several laptops donated to the school from our neighbours who are anxious to support online learning. These laptops are being reloaded and repurposed; they will be extremely beneficial in allowing further access to remote learning, resulting in most of upper school now having access to individual laptop/notebooks. The next set of devices will be delivered throughout next week; please ensure you sign the document that comes out with it and make sure your son brings the laptop into school whenever he is scheduled to be in.

Timetables and remote learning schedules have been updated for next week. They have changed slightly in order to accommodate remote sessions for years 8&9. Therefore, if your son now has an independent learning day, work has been set on the school website; your son must dial in and complete the tasks set out for him. Tutors will be in contact with any immediate changes, please refer to them in the first instance if you have any difficulties regarding online access.

If your son is on a part time table, when he is not at school he should be at home. We are still under Covid lockdown restrictions and we all need to be staying at home to reduce social contact and opportunities for the virus to spread. There is a full week's work available for all students; tutors and teaching assistants can support with accessing work. When your son is working from home, it is important that you get him into a routine, with breaks, which he can stick to. School week bedtime routines are equally important to ensure boys are up and ready for learning sessions.

We have had a successful day today testing students in school, with help from our Thrive Federation partners at Oak Grove College. All staff have been tested again this week and a roll out of student testing will continue next week. Again we will need consent forms filled in for students not yet tested, so if you receive a form, please ensure you send it back as soon as possible, an emailed form is also acceptable to office@cornfieldschool.org.uk. We cannot accept verbal consent. The results from your sons test will be emailed or texted to you direct from NHS Test and Trace. Please inform the office of the result.

Free School Meal deliveries will be sent out again next week. The school office will phone you prior to delivery; please ensure that you are available to receive these alongside any devices that may be sent out for your son. The logistics involved with these visits is quite onerous; all parents can help by reducing any wasted journeys by making sure you are there when tutors call round.

If you are experiencing any difficulties at all please talk to us and we will endeavour to help. Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation and please be assured that the health, safety and wellbeing of all of our community is at the forefront of the decisions we are making.

Yours sincerely



Mrs M Davis
Headteacher

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