

**Headteacher:  
Mrs M Davis**

7<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Having had a busy but very productive week with our visitors in school last week, it is a huge disappointment for us all that we have been forced to close due to covid issue. On Saturday we had many staff voluntarily in school with year 11 to mark their end of school and celebrate their successful transitions into college. As a school we wanted to acknowledge this important transition with them, particularly as they have had to manage their exams and end of school career during such difficult circumstances.

Unfortunately on Monday, during our regular testing, we picked up a positive covid test. We acted very quickly to keep students apart so no student who arrived in school was in close proximity to anyone with a positive test. Consequently no students have had to self-isolate. Unfortunately the positive test result and close contact tracing has meant that we have had to isolate numerous staff. This is exceedingly frustrating for the whole school community, particularly as we have done so well to avoid this degree of disruption hitherto.

You will no doubt have experience with children at other schools being unable to be in school for similar reasons and as shown on the news, these cases have been rising. Unfortunately we have come to the end of the daily test trial that we were part of, which would have meant that everyone could stay in school with a daily test. I have been working under the instructions of Public Health England and the DfE, as well as the local authority whose directions have been clear and unequivocal re current closure.

Therefore, the school will be closed until Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> – when we will fully open to the whole school. In the meanwhile, all students have been given individual learning plans to fit their needs, using the online platform and live lessons. There is a VERY small skeleton staff in school keeping all systems running. I need to be very mindful of all the health and safety issues for everyone.

It is important that your son logs in for their online sessions. They will only receive attendance marks if they are present and participating in the lessons. Please help them to access the sessions appropriately; if there are any technical issues, please let your son's tutor know and we will try to fix them as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support and understanding during this difficult time. We are trying to do our best for all students and it is important that we remember that treating the boys individually is at the heart of what we do. This incident is no exception to that so please be understanding and respectful around the schools decision making in relation to this.

We have a fantastic Focus week planned for the last week of term and we want to ensure all the boys can enjoy that. So we need to keep safe and remember to be kind to each other whilst we get through this short period and look forward to welcoming everyone back next Wednesday.

Please ensure you continue to check school PING for updated messages as well as calls from Tutors.

Yours sincerely



**Mrs M Davis**  
**Headteacher**

If you have any queries or concerns at all, please contact your son's tutor or the main office [contact@cornfieldschool.org.uk](mailto:contact@cornfieldschool.org.uk) and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

If any of this information is not clear please telephone the school on 01903 731277 where someone will explain it to you

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