

20th May 2020

Dear Parent / Carer

Codsall High School Post Half Term Provision

As you will know Codsall High Federation of Schools have been open for the children of key workers and vulnerable students during the lockdown. Similarly, Codsall High has been using a mix of online "virtual" teaching as well as setting work through hard copy materials and through our school app. I'm very grateful for the many parents that have written in to thank us for the way in which we have been able to adapt to these very strange and unsettling circumstances for us all.

A few weeks ago, the Prime Minister outlined that certain groups of children should return to school on June 1st, namely Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 children. On the Monday evening further guidance was issued which stated that it was the government's aspiration that children in Year 10 and Year 12 should have "some face to face" contact from June 1st.

Both of these goals have been predicated on the government's "Five Tests" being met at the end of May.

Yesterday the governing body met to discuss the ongoing and evolving very detailed planning for the provision of education across all three schools. The board examined the plans the school had made around the return of half of Year 10 students and half of Year 12 students into school on different days. Included in this modelling was a consideration of the limited number of children that would be able to use any one classroom based on current social distancing guidelines as well as the number of staff required to supervise the children in a safe and effective way.

This last consideration would mean a significant reduction in the teaching available for other children, either through the school app or through our online lessons because we would need far more staff in school to supervise smaller numbers of students.

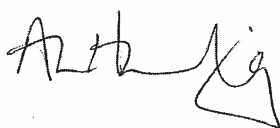
There was also a detailed conversation around the conflicting advice and guidance coming from various public bodies including the British Medical Association and Public Health England. However, governors were satisfied that the school had diligently and effectively planned for any small scale return of students to school and had thoroughly risk assessed all elements of schooling.

However, the decision taken by the governing board and school leaders at this time is that Codsall High School will not open on June 1st for small groups of students in Year 10 and 12 because the impact on the learning for the other students at this stage is considered to be unduly detrimental.

The school and governing body will reconsider opening on Monday June 15th if the circumstances at a local, regional and national level are such that advice and guidance has changed to reflect any change around social distancing measures thus reducing the impact on learning elsewhere.

If circumstances change in the interim we will, of course, be in touch with parents to update you.

Yours faithfully



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