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Corvus Learning Trust

Update

May 2020

We promised in our last Update in April, to keep you informed of the developments and actions taken across our four schools, during this very difficult time. Although the vast majority of our pupils have not been attending school since Monday, 23rd March, there is still an enormous amount of work that has gone on behind the scenes that we wanted to share with you.

1. Easter Holidays

As we advised previously, the StepUp Foundation provided a holiday club at Edgbarrow school for the children of keyworkers and those deemed vulnerable across our Trust, over the Easter holidays. Wayne and his team from StepUp worked hard to ensure social distancing was applied as far as was possible and we were blessed with good weather to enable many outdoor activities to take place. We were delighted to work with Bracknell Forest Council and several other local primary schools to organise provision for the Crowthorne community.

We would like to pass on our thanks to everyone involved in providing supervision, entertainment, food and care to our children over the holidays. You did an amazing job.

2. This Term

All of our schools have now re-opened with the same arrangements as before Easter and we have about 30 children across the Trust, attending each day. In addition, of course, teachers are continuing to provide tasks for our pupils to complete – through online activities, worksheets or class packs. Some of our teachers have been on a rapid learning curve to understand the IT involved! We are so grateful to our teaching staff for their dedication in providing activities for our pupils to complete – it is important that our pupils continue their education in the best way they can. Parents too are doing an amazing job keeping their children entertained and motivated – we recognise that many of you are trying to work from home whilst performing this additional role and we thank you for all that you are doing. As we have said before, whilst we would encourage educational activities to continue where possible, your health and well-being are more important at this time.

At Edgbarrow, preparations are underway to provide the exam boards with the information required to award grades for students in year 11 and 13. Ofqual have issued their Summer 2020 grading guidance so we are formulating our internal procedures to ensure that we adopt a consistent, school-wide approach. We are sure you will appreciate that this is an enormous task, however, we know that Edgbarrow will complete this exercise with the integrity required to ensure all pupils are treated fairly.

3. Support from Wellington College

We would like to share with you that Wellington College have very kindly donated £10,000 to the Trust. This donation comes from a fund established by the College with profits from their commercial activities and is designed to support education projects within local communities. This will enable us to cover additional costs that have arisen due to the virus, such as the Easter holiday provision.

We are so fortunate to have such a supportive and community-spirited institution in Crowthorne and we would like to say a public thank you for their help and support.

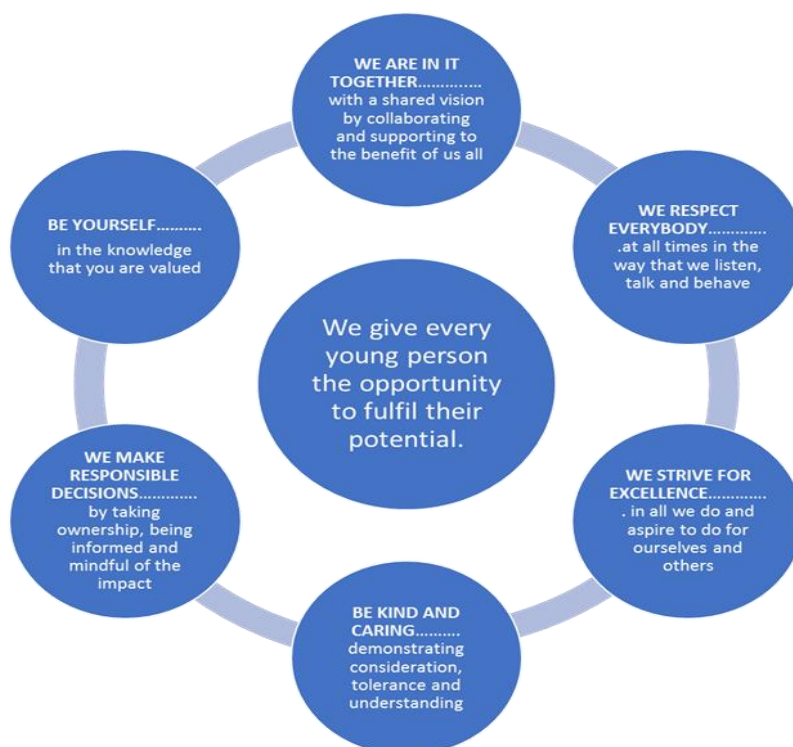
4. Outlook

Following the Government's updates this week, our schools are preparing for a phased re-opening after 1st June 2020. Considerable thought is being given to how this can be achieved logistically, whilst maintaining social distancing where possible. We are also considering the all-important transitioning between educational phases across the Trust, e.g. between Year 6 and Year 7.

Please look out for your school Newsletters regarding your specific school reopening information.

5. Corvus Learning Trust Values

In our January 2020 Update, we shared that at our whole Trust meeting in December 2019 we had started work on defining our values as a Trust. A working party was formed from this meeting and their recommendations have been widely shared and some tweaks made. The final proposals have now been approved by both the Board of Trustees and our Members and we are delighted to be able to share them with you.





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Our values are core to the way we are as a Trust and underpin the way we work together and interact. It is our plan to share these with school councils and work with each of the schools to identify ways to embed our values across the Trust.

We would like to express our gratitude to everyone involved in producing our values. We think they are a perfect reflection of our Trust.

We are very conscious that in our Updates, we thank lots of people. We don't wish to undervalue our gratitude by doing this. It is vitally important to us as a Trust that we appreciate and value the contribution that every single individual makes to our success. At the heart of our Values is our purpose: "We give every young person the opportunity to fulfil their potential". We thank you all for the part you are playing in doing this.

Bob Elsey
CEO

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Chair of Trustees

