

5 February 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

This week has been relatively quiet across the Trust as we move towards the last week of the half term. Staff and students are used to the routines and ways of working we have created, and students have been fantastic in their engagement with remote learning. At Coritani Academy, which has been required to remain open throughout lockdown, staff and students have equally impressed with their resilience and focus on learning. Other than the public announcements made last week regarding the vast majority of schools not returning before 8 March 2021 at the earliest, we have had no further information from the Department for Education, or the government on this matter. As such we will continue as we are until we are made aware of government's plans and expectations.

Whilst there have been no updates regarding a return date, there have been updates to the document below in the sections on: attending nursery, school and college, remote education, exams, asymptomatic testing and lateral flow test, Ofsted inspections, entry tests for selective schools, food and EHC plans.

[What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges)

Also, for parents in receipt of Free School Meals, it was announced this week that Farmfoods has been added as one of the shops where vouchers may be spent.

Thank you to all parents who responded to the consultation paper for examinations. This has now closed. We await further information as to how the process of awarding grades to students will be managed and will update you on this matter when we are able.

With one more week to go before half term, I would ask that you continue to support your child in making the most of the learning they are accessing, be that virtually or face to face. If you require any support in this next week, please contact your child's academy using the appropriate admin email address. Please note that our academies will be closed to all students (including key worker children and vulnerable students) for the half term break (week beginning Monday 15 February 2021).

Thank you for working with us during this period of lockdown. Your ongoing support is very much appreciated.

Take care and keep safe

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S J Sprack'. The signature is stylized with a large 'S' and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

S J Sprack  
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