



COTSWOLD BEACON
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Dear Parents and Carers

We write to you in very unusual times as we work our way through the sixth consecutive week of school closure. We hope you and your family are well and that lockdown is going as smoothly as possible.

The Trustees of Cotswold Beacon Academy Trust are very proud of our schools and the way the staff, pupils and families have adapted so rapidly and successfully to virtual learning. We have been thrilled by some of the social media posts from the schools celebrating our communities and showcasing the work of our young people. Equally, we have been warmed by the many messages of support sent to the schools by their communities.

As a Trust Board, we have been keeping up to date with developments through the headteachers of each of the schools. We understand the challenges they have faced in developing new ways of working and maintaining the quality of academic and pastoral support that they are committed to providing. We are now working with our headteachers to plan the way ahead. This week, the government have given us an indication that they wish for students to begin to return to school in Term 6. We are working hard with our headteachers to understand what this might look like in the specific context of our schools, taking into account the staffing, geographical layout, classroom and corridor sizes of each site and other factors. Please be aware that this is a complex process. Our plans will need to be flexible depending on changing circumstances and will be based on a common sense approach, providing effective education provision whilst maintaining health and safety for our staff and young people.

As more details emerge from the government, we will continue to draw up plans and communicate these to you through the individual headteachers in due course.

In the meantime, please stay safe and we look forward to welcoming you back to our schools.

Yours sincerely

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