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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Home Learning update Year 7, 8 & 9

As we continue into this unprecedented time, we would like to thank you for your support with home learning. We appreciate that it is an enormous challenge for parents/carers to juggle family life, working/working from home and home schooling.

You will be aware that the Government has set out expectations for schools to reopen to Year 10 students from 15th June 2020. We are now in the process of planning for this and have written to all parents/carers of Year 10 students outlining our intentions of how this can be achieved.

We continue to maintain our provision that we have offered since March to support the children of keyworkers. If you are a keyworker and your child is eligible to access the keyworker provision, details of how to apply for a place are outlined in previous correspondence and available on the academy website.

As of yet, the Government has not released any guidance on reopening to other year groups and therefore we are not able to open for years 7, 8 and 9 (other than children of key workers). **Years 7, 8 and 9 students must remain at home and continue with home learning until further notice.**

The Government has set out guidance for parents and carers that you can access via this link that we felt important to share with you:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

In terms of home learning, we know that not all homes have ICT access and with more parents/carers having to work from home this has meant sharing of devices, which has made the challenge even greater.

If you do not have ICT access for your child, you can request a home learning pack.

Home Learning Packs have been put together by subject teachers and contain enough work for this half term and are the paper version of the work on the FROG online portal. If you have previously requested a Home Learning Pack, this half terms' pack 3 is already on its way to you. If your child completes the pack, please request more work. You can request a pack or more work by emailing info@cockburnjohncharles.org marking the email *Learning Question* or you can call school.

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If you have ICT access for your child, all work for June and July is hosted on our FROG online learning portal.

Students would normally use FROG at school and are familiar with it. FROG can be accessed via the school website and is being used by all subject teachers as the platform to set work for students. If your child is unable to log into FROG, please email info@cockburnjohncharles.org marking the email *Learning Question* or your child can email their year group email account to request their username and password. Details of year group email addresses are on previous correspondence.

We are continuing to call all students to find out how your child is managing to keep the learning going using the resources available to them and if we can support them further. We are working our way through each year group and look forward to speaking with you and/or your child. We are planning to offer progress review phone calls with subject teachers and will write to you with more detailed plans about this over the next few weeks.

It remains of the utmost importance to us that we do everything we can as far as possible to reduce the risk of infection transmission in school. We have been planning for students' return to the academy for a significant period of time and have implemented a hierarchy of controls that create a safer environment, where the risk of infection transmission is substantially reduced. The approaches and actions can be categorised into the following areas:

- Structure of the Academy;
- Social distancing;
- Hygiene standards;
- Cleaning.

Yours sincerely



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