



Rupert Moreton, Head of School

20 May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you and your family are well.

Cheney has been open since the lock-down and remains open for vulnerable students and students of Key Workers. As per our communication last week, Cheney was planning to be open next week over half-term. However, after contacting the parents/carers of the students who have been regularly coming into school, there has not been sufficient uptake of this offer to make opening the school viable. Therefore Cheney will not be open to students over half-term. We will be using this time to prepare the school for a wider school opening in June.

Wider school opening in June

Following current government guidelines we are planning a conditional wider opening of the school in June for Year 10 and Year 12 students. We will also continue to be open for students of Key Workers and for students classified as 'vulnerable'. Any wider reopening will only happen once we are satisfied that our planning can keep our students and staff as safe as possible, and is conditional on government public health guidance. Our planning has been conducted in parallel with other schools and national organisations.

Parent/Carer Survey

In order to allow us to plan any wider reopening as effectively as possible, please would you complete the following [short survey by clicking on this link](#).

Cheney School needs your support and engagement to be able to comply with government requirements in a manner that is effective and safe for all our staff and students.

For your information the government guidance about the opening of schools can be found here: [Opening schools and educational settings to more pupils from 1 June: guidance for parents and carers](#) and [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): implementing protective measures in education and childcare settings](#)

Planning for Year 10

We will communicate more detailed arrangements nearer the time, as we finalise the details. The current planning for a wider opening is for some face-to-face support for Year 10 students from Wednesday 3rd of June at the earliest:

- Maximum number of Y10s in school per day 54 students
- Staggered arrival time for Y10s in groups of 6
- Y10 students would get one to one time with a pastoral lead or tutor to discuss well-

being

- They would then work in small groups (6 students) with subject teachers to evaluate engagement with and understanding of the work set online, and to provide further support for work to be completed at home going forward
- It is likely that in the first couple of weeks in June this face-to-face time would be one day a week for a couple of hours. Students would be allocated a dedicated day and time slot. There will be no break time and once they have completed their face-to-face contact with their teachers, they will be sent straight home

Planning for Year 12

As with Year 10, we will communicate more detailed arrangements nearer the time, as we finalise the details. The current planning for a wider opening is for some face-to-face support for Year 12s from Tuesday 9th of June at the earliest. The proposed plan for these students is as follows:

- Y12 students would get the opportunity to have one to one time with a pastoral lead or tutor to discuss well-being
- They would then work with their subject teachers for approximately an hour to evaluate engagement with and understanding of the work set online, and to provide further support for work to be completed at home going forward
- This face-to-face time would be one hour per subject per week, with each subject taking place on a separate afternoon. Students would be allocated dedicated days and time slots. There will be no break time and once they have completed their face-to-face contact with their teachers they will be sent straight home

Learning from home

There is no additional work set for half term: we know our students, parents and carers need a break. The current work set covers week 7 (week starting 18th May), week 8 (week starting 1st June) and week 9 (week starting 8th June). Please do keep referring to the online timetable and overview of teaching and learning we are sharing with all parents each week and please continue to encourage your children to try their best. Please remember that subject teachers are describing work as Core or Extra to help students who are struggling with the quantity of work to identify which tasks to focus on (the Core tasks!) Thank you for everything you are doing at home at this time.

Contact with School: Questions and Queries

Form tutors and year teams will continue to be making welfare calls after the half term. As staff will often be calling from home the number will be withheld, so please bear this in mind if you are considering not answering the call. On occasions staff will email if they are having difficulty making contact. If you have changed your contact details in the last year, please ensure that your year team has up to date details.

During this time, we are aware that parents, carers and students may need to contact staff regarding questions and queries. Could we please remind you of the following contacts details for these questions and queries:

For immediate safeguarding or well-being concerns:
EXT.Safeguarding@cheney.oxon.sch.uk or 07365273633

(Please do not use this number for general enquiries or for enquiries about free school meals. This mobile is designed for safeguarding emergencies and especially for External Agencies to contact school for immediate concerns).

For Free School Meals queries:
CHS-FSM@cheney.oxon.sch.uk

For Home Learning:

Year 7	Tom Haines and Becky Robson	thn@cheney.oxon.sch.uk rro@cheney.oxon.sch.uk
Year 8	Lee Fieldwick and Andrew Olubodun	lfi@cheney.oxon.sch.uk aol@cheney.oxon.sch.uk
Year 9	Ann Blair and Manjula Pillay-Sayers	abl@cheney.oxon.sch.uk mps@cheney.oxon.sch.uk
Year 10	Pauline O'Donnell and Andy Ransome	pod@cheney.oxon.sch.uk ara@cheney.oxon.sch.uk
Year 11	Rachel Clear and Tom Stacey	rcl@cheney.oxon.sch.uk tst@cheney.oxon.sch.uk
Years 12 and 13	Sarah Warbrick and Kate Hackett	swr@cheney.oxon.sch.uk kh@cheney.oxon.sch.uk
SEND, Cheney Plus and Alternative Provision	Richard Coombs, Susie Lopez, Justin Heenan, Mark Blencowe	rco@cheney.oxon.sch.uk slo@cheney.oxon.sch.uk jhe@cheney.oxon.sch.uk mbn@cheney.oxon.sch.uk

Eid Celebration

Finally, we would like to wish all our Muslim families and friends a safe and peaceful Eid celebration this weekend and to extend our thoughts to them at this time, when it is particularly hard to be separated from loved ones. It is such a shame that we have not been able to host another Community Iftar. Eid Mubarak from all staff at Cheney School.

Kind Regards

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