



The Consortium Trust

Weekly Staff briefing

1st May 2020

Dear Colleagues

A fairly short update for you this week, I am continually amazed and pleased to see the great efforts that you are all doing to support our pupils, families and communities. Thanks for all you do.

While there is still no clear direction from the Department on the reopening of schools it is clear that any opening will be staged and gradual. Senior colleagues are drawing up a variety of options for our schools and these will be shared with all staff when the picture is clearer.

May 8th (Friday) Bank Holiday VE day: In consultation with Trust leaders I have decided that all our education centres and remote working will be closed on the bank holiday. I hope that everyone is able to have a relaxing day.

Policy updates: There will be a number of policies that have completed their review cycle and will be approved by Trust Board on the 7th May. Look out for the updated policies on the Trust website:

- Travel & Subsistence
- Appraisal and Capability
- Collective Worship
- Attendance
- Disciplinary [staff]
- Job share [Teaching staff]
- Job share [Non-Teaching staff]
- Reserves
- SEND

Covid-19 test sites: There are additional testing facilities coming to our area, if you require a test please contact Liz Frere-Smith, Head of Service (People) l.freresmith@consortiumacademy.org details below:

More mobile testing sites will become available across the region to ease access to testing. These are:

Haverhill (from Wednesday 28 May until Friday 1 June inclusive)

Lowestoft (from Thursday 29 May onwards)

Eye (from Saturday 2 May until Monday 4 May inclusive)

Access to these sites will be through the employer-led portal.

While the pandemic still affects every aspect of our lives, in some areas things are slowly returning back to normal. Here are a few snippets from around the Trust:

- After an external recruitment process, we have recruited an experienced school leader to take up the role of Academy Head of the Borders Partnership from the 1st September 2020. Details will be announced initially to staff and parents at Borders next week.
- Contractors have moved back on to Helmingham Primary School site to continue with the roofing and windows work.
- Contractors will be recommencing work on our new swimming pool at Yoxford and Peasenhall School site.
- We have secured our 12th provision, with the Kirkley's Nursery, near Lowestoft is joining the Consortium Trust, a 60 place nursery from one year olds in a purpose-built facility. The nursery setting is schedule to open on the 1st September 2020 and we will be launching a recruitment process for a whole new staffing team: nursery practitioners; support staff; office manager; cleaners and Midday Supervisors. Look out for the job adverts later in the term.

Take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely



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