



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Return of CCF Training

I would like to start by thanking you and your son for remaining engaged with the CCF during this difficult time. I know that many cadets participated in virtual activities last term, but I am also aware that it is not a substitute for real, face-to-face training.

I am pleased to say we are now able to return to face-to-face CCF activities at school, albeit with some restrictions, and our first face-to-face training day will be on Wednesday 23 September, at the usual time of 4.30pm to 6.00pm. The training will operate using the COVID-19 procedures already established at school and naturally this will have an impact on the type of activities we can conduct, although the overarching aim is for the cadets to refresh their skills and have fun.

In line with the school's COVID-19 policy, the year groups will train separately to maintain the integrity of their bubbles, and consequently the training will occur on alternate weeks to manage capacity. The Remove Form and Upper Sixth will train in the first week of the cycle and the Fifth Form and Lower Sixth in the second, meaning your son will attend CCF every other week.

There will naturally be changes to classes and other activities. However, during the early weeks we aim to do as much as possible outside, whilst the weather and light allow. Sadly, the potential for cross infection between the schools means we will be unable to have cadets from Bedford Girls' School with us at the moment.

These changes also mean we do not have the capacity take on more cadets just yet and will therefore have to postpone Fourth Form recruitment. That said, recruits are the lifeblood of the Corps; we have retained the application forms we have received over the summer and the Fourth Form will start just as soon as we can accommodate them.

The decision for any cadet to return is entirely a personal choice, based on personal circumstances, and I can assure you that there is absolutely no pressure on your son to return to face-to-face activities yet. That said, we would be very happy to see him back with us on a Wednesday afternoon so can I ask that, if you are happy for your son to return to CCF activity, that you let [RSM Tekell-Mellor](#) know.

Of course, any cadet exhibiting any of the recognised COVID-19 symptoms should not return to school and must isolate in the normal way.

This has been an extremely difficult period for us all and whilst we are looking forward to a return to training, I wish to emphasise that the safety and security of your son is paramount.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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