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Dear Parent or Carer,

Face-to-face Provision for Y10 and Y12

No doubt you will be aware from earlier updates and the news that the government want schools to enable students Y10 and Y12 who are embarked on exam courses to have some 'face to face' contact with teachers before the summer holidays start.

This letter includes a survey we will need you as a parent/carer of Y10 or Y12 student to complete.

We are really keen to have as many students back in at the earliest opportunity when it is safe to do so, and I'm pleased to be able to share our plan here with you.

The Department for Education released last week the first detailed guidance for secondary schools on the restrictions under which they will be expected to operate. Quite rightly, their focus is on schools doing this in a safe manner. They have notified schools **we are allowed to start this provision from 15 June.**

The key points in the guidance are:

- 1) We are not permitted to have more than **25% of any year group** on site at any time during a school day
- 2) We are not allowed to have **split day rotas**, e.g. 25% of students attending in the morning, 25% in the afternoon.
- 3) We will need to adhere to **strict social distancing** whilst students are on site
- 4) We are expected to facilitate students to **not travel at peak times for public transport** use
- 5) We are expected to **limit wherever possible the number of students who interact and meet** with each other (sometimes referred to as 'bubbles').
- 6) All face to face **contact with teachers is expected to supplement, and not replace, distance learning.** Distance learning will continue for Y10s and Y12s (as well as all other students).

With this in mind, our plan is as follows. It is based on adhering to the guidance, whilst also recognising that students and parents or carers want to be able to access subject specialist advice for their learning.

General Points for all Students

Please note that during this time Devon County Council will **not be running usual school transport.** We encourage as many students as possible to walk or cycle to school at this time.

Parents and carers are **welcome to drop off or pick up on the Elmhirst site**, but should not access either Redworth or Kennicot site at this time.

Students will be directed upon arrival to **specific entry and exit points** for the rooms and areas they will access their lessons in. They must adhere to these and not use other areas of the school.

We have taken the decision that opening limited catering facilities is not appropriate at this time, therefore **students should bring snacks and packed lunches.** Students are encouraged to bring their own filled water bottles to limit movement around site to water fountains.

The Plan for Year 10:

- Students can attend for **one day per week** starting 15 June. These days will be based on which house they are in.
- The day will run from **1000 to 1410** and comprise 4 lessons, a 30min break, and a welcome/registration session.
- Two lessons on each day will be on **core GCSE subjects**; English, Maths or Science
- Two lessons each day will be on **GCSE option** subjects.
- Lessons will be designed to **complement distance learning** and deepen students' understanding of topics and tasks set online.
- Students will always have an **experienced KS4 subject specialist**, but not necessarily their usual classroom teacher.
- Students will be kept in **small groups of no more than 15 at all times including break**. These groups are designed so that students have contact with the smallest number of other students as possible in order to keep students, staff and the community safe.
- Students will use a **limited number of rooms and break areas on the Redworth site**. This will be vital in order to limit contact with other groups of students and to enable us to keep the highest standards of cleaning, both of which are essential to keeping everyone safe.
- Students will **not be required to wear school uniform**, but should dress appropriately and practically at all times.

The Plan for Y12:

- Students can attend for **one day per week starting 15 June**. These days will be based on the combination of subjects they study.
- The day will run from **1000 to 1410 and consist of 2 lessons of 100mins each**, a 30min break, and a welcome/registration session.
- Each lesson will be for a different subject, therefore students will cover **2 subjects per day**.
- Lessons will be designed to **complement distance learning** and deepen students' understanding of topics and tasks set online.
- Students will always have an **experienced A-level subject specialist**, and in almost all cases this will be their usual classroom teacher.
- Students will be kept in **small groups of no more than 15 at all times including break**. These groups are designed so that students have contact with the smallest number of other students as possible in order to keep students, staff and the community safe.
- Students will use a **limited number of rooms and break areas on the Kennicott site**. This will be vital in order to limit contact with other groups of students and to enable us to keep the highest standards of cleaning, both of which are essential to keeping everyone safe.

Please note we will not be able to meet requests from families for students to be in **particular groups or in on particular days**.

For both Y10 and Y12, we will offer **appointments with a member of the pastoral team** during the day should you or they feel they could require some additional support. Whilst these interactions will be face-to-face, social distancing will be observed at all times.

Whilst we would love to welcome as many students as possible back for these days, we are also acutely aware that families may have individual health concerns and circumstances, and that the DfE has made clear that attendance during this time is not compulsory and that absence will not count towards any action against parents and carers.

With this in mind, and to help us fine tune our provision, **we would be very grateful if you could take the time to complete the short survey below** so that we have an indication of numbers attending:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdYj5yOMHHpHI0iF-6Zq-aBxDN0fhegcPTJlwRyrMjF15w2nw/viewform>

Should you have any questions or feedback about this plan, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Anne Law, Assistant Principal, by email at asalt@kingedwardvi.devon.sch.uk and alaw@kingedwardvi.devon.sch.uk.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan Salt', followed by a period.

Alan Salt
Principal