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Dear Parent or Carer,

Y10 Provision from 15 June 2020

Thank you for your responses to our survey. We are really excited to be able to open up for face-to-face sessions for Year 10 from Monday 15 June. This update contains **details of the programme** and **important information** for you as parents and carers.

We know that some parents and carers were unsure about whether to attend or not. If you have already filled out the survey and **wish to change your decision**, you can still access the survey at the link below. Simply fill out the details again with your new preference:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1IQZguBS5TITtIZrXPMzW-C-vi2LMW88bcTzXp5Q4ZWo/edit?ts=5edb60cd>

Safety

Please remember that we are operating under the safety guidance from the Department of Education. Attached for your information is a **copy of the whole school risk assessment**. This document is updated and reviewed frequently, and is shared with you so you have reassurance about the measures and planning we are putting in place to keep the school as safe as possible.

Do not send your daughter or son in if they are unwell or showing any symptoms of COVID-19. If they become unwell in our care, we will isolate them from others immediately and call you to collect them. We will not be able to allow them to leave to go home on public transport.

If you suspect your daughter or son has COVID-19 they should isolate for 7 days following the first day of symptoms and you should contact the NHS for a test.

Any other household members will need to isolate for 14 days. Please inform the school immediately if you suspect your daughter or son has symptoms either by ringing 01803 869200 or emailing:

studentabsences@kingedwardvi.devon.sch.uk

We will be promoting excellent **hand hygiene and respiratory hygiene** throughout the school day.

We will ensure students have **limited contact with other students**, other staff, and other areas of the college. Our planning is based around this, so unfortunately we are unable to change groupings or days for students. We have put in place a lot of additional signage and measures around the site to assist with social distancing.

We will be **cleaning areas throughout the day** as well as intensive cleaning at the end of the day. Classrooms will have stocks of hand sanitiser and tissues.

General Points

Please remember to **use the Elmhirst Site if you are dropping off or picking up students**. College phone lines are open 0830-1600 Monday-Friday. Please only come to Ariel reception if you have an appointment arranged, and please observe the social distancing measures in place there.

Please make sure students **have the right equipment with them**, as well as a water bottle/ drink and food for their break. There is no food available on site during the day, and students will remain on site at all times. We are advised not to lend out and take back in equipment for students.

Students will be in **non-uniform**.

The Department for Education has made clear that PPE is not required in schools except in first aid. The measures summarised above and in our risk assessment enable us to keep the site safe for students and staff.

However, we want to support all of our community, so **we are happy for students or staff to wear their own PPE** if they wish, providing they still observe strict social distancing and hand hygiene measures whilst in school.

Please note students should **only be on site for the times of their day**; i.e. from 1000 and until 1410. They cannot be on site earlier or later than this. This is to minimise them being in contact with other students and staff who are onsite.

Similarly, **students must only be in their designated area of the College at all times** during the day, including break. Again, this is vital as we have separate provisions running on site for keyworker children and children with additional needs, as well as Y12 students, and we must make sure all these groups are kept apart.

We know students will be really keen to see friends again and have missed the social side of school. However, we will be **insisting on strict social distancing** at all times on the College site, so please prepare them for this. This will include where they sit in class, how they access toilets and hand washing, and how they spend their breaks. This is a vital part of us keeping students, staff and our community safe. If students do not act safely, they will be supervised for the day by a member of the leadership team and we will contact parents and carers.

Who, when and where

We have divided Year 10 students into **4 'bubbles'**. These bubbles will attend on different days to minimise contact and to ensure we stay within the guidance of no more than 25% of the year group on site at any time. Your daughter or son's bubble is based on the house they are in. The days are as below;

Mondays: Babbage House and Keyworkers

If you are in Babbage house you should attend on Mondays.

Y10 students from any other house who are accessing **the keyworker provision** on any other day of the week, will be part of the Babbage bubble and should attend Mondays from 1000 to 1410, and continue to attend keyworker provision on the other days of the week as usual times.

Tuesdays: Davis House

If you are in Davis House, you should attend on Tuesdays

Wednesdays: Gyles House

If you are in Gyles House, you should attend on Wednesdays

Thursdays: Scott House

If you are in Scott House, you should attend on Thursdays

These days will run up to the end of term, finishing on **Thursday 16th July**.

Y10s will have all their lessons in the **science classrooms on the main Redworth site**. On arrival they will be greeted by staff and shown where to wash their hands, and given copies of their schedule for the day. Breaktime will be in the area around the Babbage bust and Willow Tree, or in classrooms if the weather is wet.

A reminder - the **timings of the day** are as follows:

1000-1015	Arrival and Registration
1015-1105	Lesson 1
1105-1155	Lesson 2
1155-1230	Break
1230-1320	Lesson 3
1320-1410	Lesson 4

Students should leave the site immediately after lesson 4. Students have to attend for the whole day.

If students would like a **pastoral appointment** during the day, they will have the chance to arrange this on arrival.

We cannot wait to see our Y10s again. Whilst distance learning remains our priority for all year groups, we know these sessions will help students understanding and enjoyment, and will provide much needed variety.

Equally, we know that not all students will feel comfortable to attend, so please rest assured we will continue to improve our distance learning offer to benefit all Y10s.

If you have any questions or queries about the programme, please do contact either Anne Law, Assistant Principal or myself by email at alaw@kingedwardvi.devon.sch.uk or asalt@kingedwardvi.devon.sch.uk.

With best wishes,



Alan Salt
Principal