



15th October 2020

Dear Parents,

Confirmed Case of COVID-19 Coronavirus

We have today been made aware of a confirmed case of COVID 19 coronavirus in our school community.

We know that you may find this concerning, but we are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health England and the Department for Education. This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide advice on how to support your young person. Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

Students who have been in close contact with the individual who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) have received a letter informing them that their young person must stay at home for 14 days. We are rigorously checking that all close contacts are followed up, and as a precautionary measure, we have written home to all parents and carers in Year 11 informing them that Year 11 students must stay away from school tomorrow, Friday 16th October, whilst this work is completed and checked.

The school **remains open to all other year groups**, and your young person should continue to attend as normal if they remain well.

What to do if your young person develops symptoms of COVID 19

Please in the meantime ensure you remain vigilant for any symptoms of COVID-19 in your young person. As always, if your young person has **any** COVID-19 symptoms (either a new continuous cough, or a high temperature, or a loss of or change in sense of taste or smell) **they must stay home**. This also applies to students who may be self-isolating owing to suspected or confirmed cases within their households. If the above applies to any student at any time then contact our attendance line on 01803 869200 ext 253 or email studentabsences@kingedwardvi.devon.sch.uk.

If your young person develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home for at least **10 days** from the date when their symptoms appeared. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and this can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

All other household members who remain well, must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.

Further information is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

I recognise that this may be a worrying and at times frustrating time for many of you. Please rest assured that for most young people COVID-19 remains a mild illness, although of course we recognise the impact it may have on vulnerable groups in our community. I would reassure you that we have been planning for this contingency, and will be following at all times advice and official guidance, and as ever our priorities will be keeping young people safe and minimising where possible any disruption to their education.

I will write to you all again later tomorrow to update you on our situation. Thank you again for the support you are showing to your young people, our school and our community at this time.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan Salt', written in a cursive style.

Alan Salt
Principal