



15th October 2020

Dear Parent or Carer,

Y11- Temporary Closure Friday 16th October

Today we have been made aware that we have a confirmed case of coronavirus (COVID-19) in our school community.

We have followed national guidance and have been in contact with the Department for Education. We have identified students and staff who have been in close contact with the confirmed case, and they have been notified to self-isolate and take all the necessary precautions outlined in public health advice.

As a further precaution, and to enable us to ensure extra robustness in our identification and checking of close contacts, we have taken the decision to require **all Y11 students to remain away from school for tomorrow, Friday 16th October.**

Whilst I understand the inconvenience this may cause, and the worry that Y11s will have through missing time in school, this is the most appropriate method of ensuring we have thoroughly followed up all close contacts. Once we are thoroughly satisfied that this has been completed, we will be able to welcome Y11 students back, hopefully on Monday 19th October.

We will ensure that the **normal Y11 timetable runs remotely tomorrow at usual lesson times, and with their usual teachers, via google classroom and google meets.** All the information Y11s require to log on and access these lessons is on our website, under 'Remote Learning' and then 'Tier 2 Students Self Isolating'. The link is here;

<https://www.kingedwardvi.devon.sch.uk/page/?title=Tier+2+%26%238211%3B+Student+groups+self+%2Disolating&pid=376>

In the meantime, please 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.

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 confirm arrangements for Monday.

Yours sincerely

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

Alan Salt
Principal