



5 March 2021

Dear Parent or Carer,

I hope this update finds you well. There is a real sense of anticipation in College this week as we have made the final preparations for welcoming back many more students from next Monday and throughout next week. Lots of hard work has gone into making sure next week goes smoothly.

Whilst we anticipate managing over 1500 lateral flow tests on site next week, I would reassure you our focus will be on ensuring young people receive a warm welcome back to school and get back into the face to face teaching we have all been missing so much over the past weeks.

This update focusses on some practicalities for next week.

1. Where to go and when:

Year 7 to 11

All students in Year 7 to 11 should arrive for 0845 as usual on their **allotted day for return**. Students should go to their usual lesson on arrival - it is Week A next week. As usual, staff will be on duty at the start of the day to help if needed.

Monday- Year 11

Tuesday- Year 10

Wednesday- Year 7

Thursday- Year 8

Friday- Year 9

Remember- students not on site should attend their remote lessons in line with their normal timetable.

Post-16 Students

Post-16 students should attend from on Monday in line with the schedule below.

Post-16 students who use DCC transport and have to arrive at the start of the day will be able to access Kennicot Library, common room, and spare classrooms, maintaining social distancing whilst they do until it is time for them to have their test (see times below).

For post-16 students who are able to make their own way in to college they are asked to arrive at the times below:

1140- Year 13 Surnames A-G

1210- Year 13 Surnames H-Z

1240 Year 12 Surnames A-O

1310 Year 12 Surnames P-Z

1325 Art Foundation Students

2. Face Coverings

Ensuring face coverings are worn at all times indoors, including lessons is an important part of helping to keep our community safe, and is from 8 March required by DfE guidance.

Your support with this is greatly appreciated. Students and staff who have continued to attend school in lockdown - on average 80 students and 40 staff everyday - are already used to this practice, and have managed brilliantly.

Face coverings are **not required at any time outdoors**, so we promote students and staff removing them when they are outdoors if they wish.

When removing and wearing face coverings, our process at College is clear:

Sanitise or clean your hands before touching your face covering, and immediately after

This helps reduce the risk of the virus being transmitted to other surfaces via your hands. It is also why we will remind students;

- **Not to touch** the front of their face covering
- **To dispose of used coverings** in black bag bins
- **To store reusable coverings** in plastic bags when not wearing them

We would ask parents and carers to ensure young people have a **spare face covering** with them throughout the day. Of course, we will supply spares to those who need them, but given the financial and environmental impact of using excess coverings, we would hope with your support to keep this to a minimum.

Please remember that exemptions of course apply to young people who cannot put on, wear or remove a face covering because of a physical impairment or disability, illness or mental health difficulty. We are reliant on parents and carers informing us about this via the google form below:

<https://forms.gle/oSub3JfodZz2UueY9>

3. Uniform

As we return to normal from Monday 8 March, our uniform expectations will in place as usual. As ever, if you are struggling to provide uniform for your young person, please do contact Heads of as we want to help wherever possible.

This may be especially important to parents and carers of students in Year 11 who will be wanting to manage uniform through to the end of the year. Please be aware we have good stocks of nearly new uniform we can loan, and of course the KEVICC PA Facebook page is a great place to sell on unwanted uniform at the end of the school year.

4. Catering

Students returning next week will be able to access food and drink in the same way as they did before Christmas (with the same specific locations for buying and collecting food at break and lunch time). We would

encourage you to pre-order lunches if your young person is intending to have them, as this will help our catering team make sure they get their preference. To do this please use the link below:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=l1vd_l6PmEOXL40j3ZqmLV_inU5HLXtlnyRhapC8wZBUNFI3NzVMOEFTOEozRIBNM1VNQ1dDSk5ENy4u

If you want to choose meals for more than just the first day back please just click the "Submit another response" option after completing the form.

5. Risk Assessment

Please note the updated version of our whole College risk assessment is now available on our website.

6. Support

We have been so impressed at how our young people continue to rise to the challenges this difficult past year has brought. Whilst we are excited to welcome everyone back, we know that for some the return to school may be more difficult. Please rest assured all staff at the College will be ready to offer extra support where needed, and please do not hesitate to contact your young person's tutor or Head of House if you have a particular concern.

Finally, a huge thank you to all of our students and their families for the support during the past weeks of partial school closure. We have been so impressed at the adaptability of our young people, the effort they have shown in their learning, and the care they continue to show for each other. We cannot wait to see them next week.

With best wishes,



Alan Salt
Principal