



01 April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well and ready for the Easter holidays. This letter has an important update about COVID over the holiday period and an important reminder about uniform when we return.

## **1. Easter Holidays - Confirmed Cases amongst students**

Many of you will be aware that since September all schools have been responsible for tracing close contacts of confirmed COVID-19 cases that may have happened in school. We have been asked to continue to do this during this holiday period. This is to cover students who may **become symptomatic in the 48 hours after their last day in school**, i.e. Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April. This applies even if they receive a test result confirming COVID-19 later than this date.

Therefore, **we need parents or carers to report to us any confirmed positive results** from any KEVICC student where this is the case as soon as possible. We do not need to have notification if the student became symptomatic more than 48 hours after last being in school.

**Please do this by emailing [studentabsences@kingedwardvi.devon.sch.uk](mailto:studentabsences@kingedwardvi.devon.sch.uk) with the name of the student, the date their symptoms started, and the date they tested positive.**

We will then contact you to trace any close contacts and advise them of the need to self-isolate. This will be vital in helping keep our families and community safe.

## **2. Uniform Reminder**

We would like to remind you of our college uniform policy, available via the link below:  
<https://www.kingedwardvi.devon.sch.uk/page/?title=Uniform&pid=30>

Please be aware that as part of our COVID-19 response we are extending the transition period for full introduction of the new school shirt to September 2021. This means students can continue to wear the old style striped blue shirts up to this point.

Our uniform policy is scrutinised by our Governors on a regular basis and the college has closely consulted with parents on our uniform policy through the Parents' Association over the previous 18 months.

**It is important that all students are dressed in the correct school uniform, as set out in the policy, throughout the school day, including their journey to and from school.** I would also like to bring your attention to the guidance on skirts which is that 'skirts should not be any shorter than the hem falling onto the top of the knee and may be pleated, A-line or pencil design skirts.'

We have invested in a range of brand new uniform items that our Pastoral Team will loan or gift as appropriate to students who arrive at school in incorrect uniform. We also have a number of clean and good quality second hand items. There is a further donation point for old uniform being created at Morrisons in Totnes where families can hand in uniform no longer required that can be used in school for those in need. **Please be assured that all items loaned or gifted to students will be in good condition, freshly laundered and a suitable fit. We will expect students to either ensure they arrive at college according to our policy or accept the loan of a suitable replacement item.**

Some professional discretion will be applied by staff regarding our year 11 cohort as they will be exiting the college in due course and following the disruptions presented by COVID-19 we understand that financial investment in school uniform would not have been a priority for families, especially in situations of hardship. However, as a minimum, we expect a college shirt and black trousers or skirt. Again, we will loan these items to students as required.

Many thanks for your ongoing support with regard to keeping our College COVID secure, and ensuring students are following our uniform expectations. On behalf of everyone at the College, we wish you and your family a restful, safe and peaceful holiday.

Yours faithfully,



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Principal



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