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To all parents and carers

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Dear parents and carers

Access to Sidmouth College during building works

I would like to remind and update all parents regarding access to the College for students and visitors over the next academic year. Students will have no pedestrian/cycle access through the front gate or the current cycle path during the normal beginning and end of the school day due to the building works. The two entrances will be, as marked on the map overleaf:

- Via the gate at the back of the site, accessible from three footpaths leading from Primley Road, Malden Close or Sidford Road. A cycle store will be relocated to this entrance and students should dismount and push their cycles once on a footpath.
- Via the gate at the north corner of the school field from the Byes cycle/footpath, along the boundary of the field and into the centre of the site. A cycle store will be relocated to the top of the field. A temporary path of plastic mesh has been installed to run up the side of the field, through which the grass will grow, please ask your children to stick to this path when entering the site and to dismount and push cycles.

The Dartline school buses will continue to drop off on site, but the other school buses will drop off at the bus stop on Yarde Hill near the entrance to Primley Road and pick up at the bus stop at the top of Yarde Hill adjacent to the pedestrian crossing. If your children use these buses, you should have received a letter from Devon County Council with details. In the morning, students should get off the bus and walk down Primley Road, then follow the footpath to the back gate. After school, they should walk up the path to Sidford Road and use the pedestrian crossing to the bus stop. On the first day College staff will be to hand to direct students.

If you are bringing your child to College by car, please drop them in Primley Road or Malden Road so that they can walk along the footpaths to the back gate. Please do not drive into the College campus or car parks. The only exceptions to this rule will be where a child has mobility issues.

Our neighbours have understandable worries about the increased traffic that the building works will generate. To avoid adding to congestion it would be very helpful if you could minimise stopping time and follow a circular route to keep traffic flowing in one direction only, i.e.

- Enter Primley Road from Sidford Road, drop students at a convenient point, move on down Primley Road or Primley Mead into Primley Gardens, carry on to Coulsdon Road and exit onto Sidford Road. Arrange a suitable afternoon pick up point along this route with your children.

or,

- Enter Malden Road from Sidford Road at the junction nearest to the College, drop students at a convenient point, turn left into Hides Road or do a full circuit of Malden Road, joining Sidford Road at the junction furthest from the College. Students should walk down Malden Close to the back gate. Please do not drive down Malden Close, as this is a cul-de-sac and turning is difficult.

Email: enquiries@sidmouthcollege.devon.sch.uk

Website: www.sidmouthcollege.devon.sch.uk

If you need to bring your child to school late, or collect them early for an appointment etc, please park off site, utilise the temporary footpath from the front entrance and come through the visitor pedestrian gate. There will shortly be an intercom on the gate so that you can be admitted, but in the first few days the contractor's gateman will let you in, you can then progress to Reception. If your child is staying after school for an activity, they will need to leave the site through this gate.

We appreciate that these changes will cause some inconvenience, but your co-operation is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely



Mrs S Parsons
Principal

