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Dear Parents and Carers

Update for all Parents – March reopening

I am looking forward to welcoming all students back to Sidmouth College on Tuesday 9th March for Years 10, 11, 12 & 13 and on Wednesday 10th March for Years 7, 8 & 9. I would like to take this opportunity to ensure that all students and parents are prepared this return to the College.

Over the next couple of days, you will receive information specifically about the COVID testing which will include the time of your son / daughter's initial testing appointment on Monday 8th or Tuesday 9th March.

I appreciate that for many students returning to the College it will be an anxious time. One way to relieve some of this inevitable anxiety is to make sure that everyone is aware of the expectations that we have in place at the College.

I have summarised the key pieces of information below, however I would ask that all students and parents take time to look at the March reopening page of the website. It will be of great benefit to go through the information in the week leading up to the return to the College.

<https://www.sidmouthcollege.devon.sch.uk/march-reopening.html>

Start dates:

- COVID testing for Years 10, 11, 12 & 13 will take place on Monday 8th March.
- Year 10, 11, 12 & 13 students will start back on Tuesday 9th March.
- COVID testing for Years 7, 8 & 9 will take place on Tuesday 9th March.
- Years 7, 8 & 9 will start back on Wednesday 10th March.

Uniform:

- All students are expected to be in **full college uniform on the first day**.
- This also includes our expectations on hair, nails and jewellery.
- Once timetables have been re-issued, students will be required to wear College PE kit on the days that they have PE lessons.

Face coverings:

- All students (apart from those who are exempt) will be required to arrive at the College wearing a face covering. Government advice states that students may have a spare face covering and a sealable bag to keep it in. Face coverings should be changed if they become damp.
- Students will also be required to wear a face covering on College and public transport.
- Face coverings will be required when students are in classrooms and moving around the College one-way system. The change to the guidance for wearing face coverings in classrooms is being reviewed at Easter.

School timings:

- To reduce contact between year groups the start and end times of the school day have been staggered for each year group. Please ensure that students **arrive at the allocated time** and gate as per the attached table.
- However, as we are unable to change the times of school and public transport:
 - If your child comes to College using school transport they should go directly to their tutor room on arrival.
 - If your child comes to College using public transport they should arrive at the College through the required gate as per the table below.
- **All students must go directly to their tutor room on arrival at the College.**

Catering:

- There will be food available, however, as the cash loaders will no longer be used please make sure that there is money available on students' ParentPay dinner money balance if school food is being purchased.

Equipment:

- Please make sure that your son / daughter has the correct equipment to enable them to be successful in their lessons:

Pencil case

At least 3 pens with black ink

At least 3 pens with red ink

Pencils

Rubber and sharpener

30cm ruler

Maths set including compass and protractor

Scientific calculator

Highlighting pens

Coloured pencil crayons

White board pen

Mini white board

Glue stick

Round ended safety scissors

Planner

Pocket English dictionary (Optional)

Hole Punch (6th Form only)

All the staff have prepared for the successful reopening of the College and I would like to take this opportunity to reassure all students and parents that we have all the measures in place to keep our students and staff safe, whilst continuing to offer a high quality academic and pastoral education.

We continue to maintain our high expectations from all students as we return from this period of closure and I am sure that the structure, routine and social interactions that the College offers young people will impact positively on them during this continued time of uncertainty. Thank you for your ongoing support and please do get in touch if you have any questions relating to the start of the academic year that have not been answered from the information on the website.

Should there be further changes to Government guidance prior to reopening I will be in touch. I look forward to welcoming all our students back again next week.

Yours faithfully

Mrs S Parsons
Principal

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YEAR	7	8	9	10	11	Sixth form
Entrance	Front gate	Back gate	Front gate	Back gate	Front gate	Back gate
Arrival Time Tutor time	8:35	8:45	8:45	8:40	8:40	9:00
9.15	1	1	1	1	1	1
10.15	break	2a	2a	break	2	2
10.35	2	2a	2a	2	2	2
10.45	2	break	break	2	2	2
11:05	2	2b	2b	2	2	2
11.15	2	2b	2b	2	break	break
11.35	3	3	3	3	3	3
12.35	lunch	4a	4a	lunch	4	4
13.05	4	lunch	lunch	4	4	4
13.35	4	4b	4b	4	lunch	lunch
14:05	5	5	5	5	5	5
14.35	5	5	5	5	5	5
15:05	5	5	5	5	5	5
Exit	front	back	front	back	front	back
Time	15.05	15.05	15.10	15.10	15.20	15.20
Food area	Canteen	Canteen	Snack shack	Snack shack	Canteen	Café 6
Outside	Courts (H)	Courts (H)	Courts (L)	Courts (L)	Courts (H)	Courts (L)