

### Easter and track and trace arrangements

I do hope you and your family are all safe and healthy. Our students are to be congratulated on their resilience, as they have returned to school site and their conduct throughout the testing period has been excellent. Our thanks go to you in supporting us during the re-opening of college.

As we near to the Easter break, we thought it important that you receive some important information over this holiday period. At CVC we are committed to honouring our contact-tracing commitments and we are required to track and trace for 2 days from Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

The table below summarises our responsibilities:

| Track and Trace over the Easter Holidays   |   |  |   |   |
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| Symptoms began on (or date of positive test if asymptomatic)   | Between Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2021                              | Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2021   | Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2021  | Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> March to Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2021   |
| <b>Setting Responsibility: In-school /setting contact tracing required if POSITIVE CASE HAD BEEN IN SCHOOL</b> | Yes:<br>CVC track and trace in the usual way  | Yes:<br>contact trace for Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb<br><br>SLT member on duty will organise the track and trace and contact individuals who will need to self-isolate for 10 days. | Yes:<br>contact trace for Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb<br><br>SLT member on duty will organise the track and trace and contact individuals who will need to self-isolate for 10 days . | No:<br>Unless testing was delayed following onset of symptoms, the case was not in a school setting. There is no need for the college to notify any other students, staff or parents.   |
| <b>Parental responsibility</b>   | Contact student services immediately if child is displaying symptoms or affected by family member | Contact Student Services immediately if child is displaying symptoms or positive case of COVID-19  | Contact Student Services immediately if child is displaying symptoms or positive case of COVID-19   | Parents are to follow the advice as per NHS Covid-19 guidelines <a href="https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/">https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/</a><br>Any home testing needs reporting to NHS test and trace |

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To ensure these arrangements work effectively and minimise the risk of compromising families' Easter break, please adhere to the following:

- Now that LFT are taking place at home, *positive results from home testing should also be confirmed by a PCR test - the individual and close contacts should isolate while awaiting the confirmatory PCR test.*
- Parents to seek PCR tests via testing centres rather than via postal tests as this can significantly delay confirmation of results. Results are normally forthcoming in 24 hours via test centres.
- Parents to notify the college if children have symptoms after college closes (as outlined above) – even when waiting for a test result, we can advise families to take necessary steps whilst awaiting confirmation.
- To minimise the risk of infection within the college (and the wider community) please ensure you continue to adhere to social distancing, frequent hand washing and use of face coverings protocol.

Over the Easter holidays, do please continue to carry out the Lateral Flow Tests twice each week, report the results to Test and Trace and to CVC using our microsite and form:

<https://myeds.co/f/nqN5DZvJSwk7>.

For ease of access we have also added a button to your Astrea app that links to this microsite.

We will supply students with further LFT kits before the start of the Easter Holidays.

### Farewell message from the Principal

On Friday 26 March 2021 we break up for the Easter holidays. At the end of this term I leave Cottenham Village College. It has been a privilege to be the Principal of CVC and work alongside such a dedicated staff, wonderful students and a supportive community. Thank you to you, our parents, for the support you have provided and upholding the high expectations that we have of our students. I will have many fond memories of the college and I look forward to hearing how it continues to develop and flourish.

Mr Brown will be the Interim Principal for the summer term, and he will lead CVC very well. Thursday 25 and Friday 26 March 2021 are the interviews for the post of Principal. Astrea Academy Trust will communicate to you the outcome of the interview and who the successful candidate is. Have a relaxing Easter holiday, stay safe and healthy.

With very best wishes  
Miss Cassady

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| <p><b>Parents' Evenings</b></p>                              | <p>Due to the impact of lockdown and the need to support our Year 11 students fully through the Centre Assessed Grades process, it has been necessary for us to make changes to the calendared parents' evening appointments next term. If your child has not yet had their parents' evening for this academic year, please rest assured that they will have one; however, the date will have changed. We know you will understand the need for us to support Year 11 students in this way.</p> <p>The dates for parents' evenings next term are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 11 Parents' Evening – Tuesday 13 April (bookings will open Friday 26 March, 9am)</li> <li>• Year 7 (KLM) Parents' Evening – Thursday 10 June</li> <li>• Year 7 (RST) Parents' Evening – Thursday 17 June</li> <li>• Year 10 Parents' Evening – Thursday 1 July</li> </ul> <p>We will be holding a parents' evening for current Year 6 pupils: the date for this will be confirmed when we send home details about how transition will work after Easter.</p>   |
| <p><b>Uniform</b></p>  | <p>As we returned to school, we were aware that many parents were needing to refresh items of uniform. In the past week we asked tutors to check uniforms on our return to enable conversations with parents about items that may not be ideal or need replacement. The aim is to support students' return to full-time education and ensure that we have a time frame for replacement where needed. If you need support with any item of uniform, or you are unsure if an item is acceptable (particularly shoes), please do refer to the <a href="#">website uniform page</a>, which remains the same as it has been, or contact the Form tutor or Head of Year.</p> <p>As you make new purchases, we request that parents avoid buying shoes with any visible branding whatsoever (even if this branding is 'blacked out'), especially those that resemble trainers. We are happy to provide a buffer time as needed for parents, please do write a note or email if you need this to avoid students receiving a detention.</p> <p>This will enable the staff at school to uphold our high standards confidently without issuing a detention to a student with a valid reason for a uniform issue</p> |
| <p><b>Year 9 KS4 (GCSE) Preferences - FINAL REMINDER</b></p> | <p>Year 9 pupils continue to engage with the KS4 preferences process (otherwise known as 'GCSE options'). The <b>guidance booklet</b> can be found on the school website here: <a href="https://www.astreacottenham.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Options-Booklet-2021-1.pdf">https://www.astreacottenham.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Options-Booklet-2021-1.pdf</a> and the <b>virtual presentation</b> for pupils and parents is on YouTube here: <a href="https://youtu.be/dWFXBMMVeM">https://youtu.be/dWFXBMMVeM</a></p> <p>Before half term, we had the pleasure of meeting parents and pupils to support pupils' progress and guide them in their GCSE choices. We are now in the process of organising and conducting <b>guidance interviews</b>, where they have been requested, to further support pupils' decisions. If you require a guidance interview, please contact your child's Form Tutor or the Head of Year.</p> <p>The link to the <b>KS4 Preferences form</b> to fill in to submit pupils' preferences has been sent home. The deadline for completion was Friday 12 March.</p>  |
| <p><b>Laptop Returns</b></p>                                 | <p>Please can we ask that any laptops on loan from the college are now returned for redistribution. Laptops can be returned to the college reception between 8AM and 4PM on any school day.</p>  |