



1st April 2021

**The South Wolds
Academy
and Sixth Form**

Dear Parents and Carers,

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a good holiday and I hope that your child has a chance to rest and reset, ready for the next term, which begins on Monday 19th April. I know that our Year 11 and 13 students will continue to work hard, revising and preparing for their forthcoming assessments and staff have given all students clarity regarding how to focus their revision. We know that the cancellation of formal examinations this year has given all schools a few challenges to navigate, but we are resolute that every student will be given an opportunity to do their best, as long as they continue to work hard and keep focused in lessons and during their preparation.

Contact tracing over Easter

I sincerely hope that all our families have a healthy and restful Easter. However, should you need to report a positive COVID-19 case during the Easter holidays, please take note of the following information and arrangements regarding communicating with school. Where a student tests positive for coronavirus, having developed symptoms **more than** 48 hours after being in school, the school should not be contacted as the student would not be deemed to have been contagious while at school. In this event, parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace. Up to and including Wednesday 7th April, if a pupil tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms **within** 48 hours of being in school, please report the case via the following

link: <https://www.southwolds.co.uk/page/?title=Test+and+Trace+%2D+Student&pid=156>

We will then assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school. We have been instructed by the Department for Education that we do not need to support with any contact tracing from Thursday 8th April. Where students are required to self-isolate due to contact with a positive case after this date, the school does not need to be informed about their absence until the first day of the new term.

Message from the Department for Education

The importance of COVID-19 home testing over Easter

Following schools' and colleges' success in COVID-19 testing on return to education, it is vital for staff, secondary and college students and their families, to keep testing at home throughout the Easter holidays and into the summer term. The DfE's key messages are:

- all staff, secondary and college students and their households should continue to test twice weekly over the Easter holidays
- [report results online](#) whether they are positive, negative or void. This information is critical in helping understand the prevalence of the virus across the country

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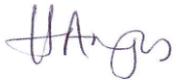
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- remember to test just before returning to school or college for the summer term either the night before, or morning of, the first day back to find and isolate any positive cases.

Please continue to take care and stay safe over the holiday period and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for the summer term on the 19th April.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H Angus', written in a cursive style.

Halina Angus
Head Teacher