

5 March 2021

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you are all safe and well. This is a short boarders' bulletin just to support the reopening of Boarding next week. The whole team is very much looking forward to seeing you all and having the community back together again.

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Plan for reopening

The reopening of boarding houses will be staggered in line with the plan for reopening schools. Boarders can return from 4pm-6pm on the evening before the day their year group starts face to face lessons. Please refer to the previous letters from Mrs Cullen for full details.

So that we are aware of your plans and so can ensure that we can prepare accordingly, please complete the online return form at <http://www.sexeyssomerset.sch.uk/exeat-form/>

Adaptations in Houses

- In line with government advice for school we will be extending the wearing of masks/face coverings into boarding. This will be necessary in all communal areas (corridors, common rooms, when walking from school to boarding etc) unless a distance of 2m is maintained. I am aware this will be a challenge at the start and will take a little getting used to, but it is a necessary preventative measure to ensure that we are all confident in our safety. When in your own dorm room masks are not necessary. This measure will be reviewed at Easter in line with national guidance. If your child is exempt from wearing a mask for any reason please ensure that you inform the school who will issue a lanyard which can be worn in school and boarding to make this clear to supervising staff
- From September we have had a rule that boarders do not go into the dorm rooms of others. I would like to remind boarders this rule is still in place and expected to be followed, especially as dorm rooms are the only 'non mask' areas for a boarder.



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Adaptations in Houses (continued)

- Boarders will be undergoing lateral flow tests in the same way that day students are being asked to do.
- If a boarder returns home at any point, we will ask them to complete a lateral flow test and wait for their negative result before being readmitted into the boarding community. Please factor this test and the 30 minute wait time into your transport arrangements.

Support for exeat weekend and Easter holidays

We are looking to remain open during exeat weekend (13/14 March) and the Easter holidays. If you are interested in taking up either of these offers please respond to the emails from Sam Brownlow sent on 5th March.

Staffing

As you may be aware, Mrs Watts broke her wrist during lockdown. We have recruited an amazing house parent to join the Team and support us whilst she is recovering. I am sure you will all join me in making her welcome.

Return to Boarding form

To ensure that students can re-enter the Houses as efficiently as possible please can you read the 'return to boarding' checklist in advance to ensure you do not bring back anything that is not needed and that you have informed us of anything such as new medications.

Boarder re-entry form

Student Name _____ Year _____

COVID-19	Tick
If I or anyone in my household has had a positive C-19 test whilst away from boarding I have already informed the school and have followed all necessary isolation guidance necessary before returning to school	
I confirm that I do not have any of the following symptoms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature) • a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual) • a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal 	
I confirm that I have not come into contact with anyone with these symptoms	
I confirm that I have adhered to the national guidance for COVID restrictions such as social distancing, avoiding unnecessary travel from your residence and mask wearing as appropriate.	
I confirm that I have completed any quarantine and testing necessary after international travel (if appropriate)	
I confirm I have a suitable personal supply of face masks/coverings to cover both school and boarding times	
I confirm I am not bringing back unnecessary items to support enhanced cleaning	
Medications	
I am aware that I am not allowed to store medications in my dorm without completion of a risk assessment and specific permission from the Health Centre	
I have handed any medications or 'homely remedies' to the House Parents or Health Centre staff. This includes all painkillers, vitamins or any other over the counter medications.	
Any new medical conditions or medications have been discussed with the Health Centre in advance of returning to boarding (or with House Parents who have now informed them via email.)	
Core Values	
I agree to promote, and role model, the school's core values of Courage, Forgiveness, Kindness, Honesty, Empathy, Respect, Resilience to the best of my ability	
I agree to follow the House rules and all reasonable instructions by the House Parents so that the boarding house community is calm, positive and safe	
I agree to respect the privacy and possessions of other boarders by not going into any dorm rooms other than my own.	
I agree to respect and look after the furniture and equipment in the boarding house and around school (this includes not be putting blue tack/tape on walls but using the pin board provided)	
I know that I can raise my views at House Councils, Food Forums and other student voice opportunities.	
I know that participation in activities is a central part of the Sexey's boarding culture	
Personal belongings	
I have handed in my passport and/or any required paperwork	
I have handed in pocket money. I know that I am solely responsible for any money not handed in	
I know that I am solely responsible for any expensive belongings (devices/jewellery) and that insurance for such items should be arranged by parents if needed.	
I have handed in food that should not be kept in my dorm room (food not declared will be confiscated)	
I have not brought in any prohibited items (scissors - including nail scissors, sharps, super glue, plug in fairy lights, second mobiles etc – see boarders handbook for full details)	
All electrical items I have brought in have been PAT tested for safety or I have left them with a House Parent until this can be arranged	

If you are not sure about any of the questions above, or if any of your belongings relate to them please ask. Please sign below to confirm that you have read and agree with these statements.

Boarder Signature _____

Date _____

KDR Menu for week beginning 8th March

(Week 1)

KDR Menu



At Sexey's, where possible, we use the finest local produce, using suppliers based within a 20-mile radius. Our Chefs pride themselves on cooking fresh daily produce to create delicious meals for our students. We strive to create a balanced diet and incorporate Gluten Free and Vegetarian Meals as standard on our Menus.

Meal		Main	Vegetarian	Sides
Mon	Lunch	Spaghetti (G) Bolognese. Chicken and broccoli pasta bake (FG)	Tomato and basil pasta bake	garlic bread. (G)
	Dinner	Chicken burger, beef burger with bacon (G)	Vegetable burger (GME)	Brioche bun (G) corn on the cob, chips and salad
Tues	Lunch	Steak and ale pie. (G,E) Chicken and bacon pie (G,E)	Vegetable pie. (G,E)	mashed potatoes and seasonal vegetables.
	Dinner	Breaded turkey escalope (GE) Marinated tuna steak	Spanish omelette. (E)	roasted new potatoes, roasted vegetables
Weds	Lunch	Chicken fajitas. (G) Pulled lamb pita bread (G)	Roasted vegetable and mozzarella fajita (G)	braised rice
	Dinner	Sausages of the day (G)	Quorn sausages	roast potato, seasonal vegetables
Thurs	Lunch	Roast chicken /roast beef	Veg roast (G,N,M,P,E)	roast potato, Yorkshire (G) Roasted veg, gravy
	Dinner	Pepperoni pizza (G) chicken goujons (GME)	Mozzarella and basil pizza (G)	Potato wedges, baked beans.
Fri	Lunch	Homemade fish finger (FEG) Gammon steak	Vegetable finger. (G)	chips and crushed pea's and sweetcorn.
	Dinner	Hunters chicken Plain chicken option	Hunters Quorn fillet	new potato's Seasonal vegetables
Sat	Lunch	Assorted baguettes		fries, salad
	Dinner	Chilli con carnie (S) tacos,	Vegetarian chilli con carnie (S)	braised rice
Sun	Lunch	In-House Brunch - bacon and egg muffins. Cheese and ham toasties	egg muffins cheese toasties	
	Dinner	Roast Pork	Nut roast. (G,N,M,P,E)	roast potato's Yorkshire, stuffing (G), Cheesy leaks, carrots and gravy.

N	Contains Nuts	SD	Sulphur Dioxide	P	Peanuts	E	Eggs
M	Milk	CR	Crustaceans	MOL	Molluscs	MUS	Mustard
S	Soybeans	C	Celery	L	Lupin	F	Fish
SE	Sesame Seeds	G	Cereals containing Gluten				

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@SexeysBoarding @sexeysboarding · 1h
Huge happy birthday to Rodrigo for yesterday. A lovely cake from the kdr to celebrate with friends. #iloveboarding #happybirthday



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@SexeysBoarding @sexeysboarding · Mar 2
The lockdown boarding group are having a great time at this evening's sports hall games. The basketball was so fast the camera couldn't keep up and Ms Radley had to get protection! I got out of there before the dodgeball started! #iloveboarding #participation #effort



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@SexeysBoarding @sexeysboarding · Mar 2
Yesterday we said hello to March and goodbye to February.

Savina, one of our Bulgarian boarders knows 1st March as 'Barba Marta' Day. She has shared the tradition of wearing a Martenitsa throughout March with her friends. #kindness #respect #iloveboarding



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@SexeysBoarding @sexeysboarding · Feb 28
Congratulations to DeShawn who completed his dodgeball coaching for DoE. Credit to the #empathy and #respect that he has expressed helping others. In his words "I really enjoyed playing dodgeball with everyone and coaching some younger students." #dukeofedinburgh #iloveboarding



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