



26 August 2020

Dear Parents & Carers,

We are very pleased to be able to welcome our new Sixth Form students into Year 12, and our current students into Year 13. In this letter I am writing to explain further details about the new school year, following the letter from Mr Ayling in July.

Will school be fully open for all pupils?

The King's School will be fully open to all year groups from 7 September 2020.

Should my child attend school?

All pupils of compulsory school age **must** attend from 7 September unless they have been given statutory leave, by the Headteacher not to attend following the usual permission process. Please see the Parents section of the School website if you wish to make such a request.

As a reminder, pastoral support is available in the first instance through your child's form tutor or the Pupil Support Officer Mrs Beaumont. This may be appropriate where there are anxieties about returning to school. These members of staff are able to either provide or signpost support, and where needed access the School Nurse.

What measures have been taken to keep my child safe?

The re-opening of school has been fully risk-assessed and a copy of this risk assessment is available at <https://www.kings.peterborough.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=951&type=pdf>. This document contains all the relevant details about how the school has made adjustments to ensure that pupils are kept safe as far as possible.

Face Coverings

The use of a face mask within the school building is optional. However, if face masks are worn on the journey to school, or within school and subsequently removed, then pupils should be equipped with a plastic bag to seal the used face mask in.

What about those who live with those who are shielding?

As of 1 August 2020, advice is that self-isolation for other members of the family is **not** necessary. We will monitor this carefully and this advice may change if there is a local outbreak.

Are there any activities/parts of the curriculum which will require adjustment?

Our intention is to offer a full, ambitious and balanced curriculum. However, in the short term there will be some adjustments to some subjects offered. However, there will be changes made to keep pupils safe in practical lessons including minimising the sharing of equipment and group work.

Will my child be expected to wear school uniform and follow the usual range of school rules?

All pupils will be required to wear the full school uniform and adhere to the dress code from the start of term. We are aware of the delay at Total Clothing (the school's uniform supplier) regarding Sixth Form girls' skirts; these will be available to collect just before term starts, and if your daughter is not able to secure a skirt before the start of

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term, it must be replaced by a knee length dark skirt until the correct ones become available. The Behaviour Policy and Code of Conduct can be found on our website at <https://www.kings.peterborough.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=952&type=pdf>. The Behaviour Policy has been revised to make clear our expectations in response to the pandemic.

Whilst there will be some space in the Sixth Form Common Room for Years 12 and 13, it will not be possible, given the current guidelines, for them all to be inside at the same time. Students should be prepared to be outside for break and lunch and need appropriate clothing for this; please bring a coat to school.

Students who study A-Level PE, and those doing a sport on Wednesday afternoons will need to come in appropriate kit as changing facilities will be unavailable. Whilst there is no specified sports kit for the Sixth Form can you please make sure that clothing is appropriate in a school setting of Years 3-13, e.g. no tops revealing midriffs. Students will be expected to wear their blazer on top of the kit.

Who should I contact if my child is ill?

As we normally expect, if your child is ill then they should remain at home. The absence should be reported to Pupil Reception through the main school switchboard.

Who should I contact if I suspect my child has COVID-19?

First of all, you should have your child tested. The guidance to access this can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested>

Please let us know of the outcome of this test result as soon as you have it through the main switchboard Pupil Reception.

- a) If your child tests negative and no longer has symptoms, please send them back to school, or
- b) If your child tests positive, please follow the government's guidelines regarding self-isolation which is available online. You **must** also let us know they have tested positive as we have an obligation to notify this to Public Health England who are monitoring the spread of the virus locally. We will **not** require a negative test result before allowing your child to return to school but please make sure they have self-isolated for the full 10 days following a positive test result.

How can my child stay up to date with work if they are away from school ill?

As remote learning has ended, the best way to keep up to date with school work is the 'Buddy System' which you will remember from the start of the pandemic. Your child will be expected to catch up on work missed, so it is important that they do contact their buddy to make sure they are able to complete the work at home when they are well enough to do so.

What will the School do to maintain continuity of education in the event of a local lockdown?

If this is necessary we shall revert to our full curriculum online model. Your child will be reminded of the methods to access this should this be necessary.

Should it be necessary, please ensure that your child's routine of working from home is supported **from the very first day at home**. That will reduce their anxiety and the need for further 'catch up' work once local schools reopen.

What equipment will my child need? If they forget equipment, will the school be able to provide it?

To prevent the unnecessary sharing of equipment to reduce transmission, your child should ensure that they come to school prepared. Please see the list of recommended equipment elsewhere in this section of the website. A small quantity of basic equipment will be available for loan in the rare cases where a child has forgotten.

Will flu jabs be available at School this autumn?

The School has signed up to offer free routine flu vaccinations. As yet there are no COVID-19 vaccinations available.

Will testing be available at School?

We have been advised that this may well be possible, together with a 'fast track' test result. We shall be monitoring this closely and are awaiting an update from the government on how this will work.

How should my child travel to and from school?

Wherever possible, pupils should cycle or walk to school. We are well aware that many of our pupils live some distance from us, therefore if there is no alternative then travelling by car and dropping off at a distance from the school is acceptable. Public transport should only be used as a last resort and guidance should be sought from:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-safer-travel-guidance-for-passengers>

Will food be available at School?

Hot food will be available at lunchtimes from the Sixth Form Café for Years 12 and 13. There will be no provision at break times. Please be aware that lunchtimes are staggered with the last sitting at 1.40pm, therefore it may be appropriate to provide your child with a drink and snack for breaktime. Information about menus can be found here:

<https://www.kings.peterborough.sch.uk/page/?title=School+Catering&pid=86>

What catch up and support will be available?

We are confident that a full curriculum has been provided for school closure. However, after remote learning you may have concerns about your child needing to catch up in some areas. In the first instance please contact the relevant member of staff below:

Sixth Form Deputies: Mr Dunn (dunn.c@kings.peterborough.sch.uk)
 Mrs Park (park.c@kings.peterborough.sch.uk)

As term progresses there will be further information about catch up provision.

When and where should my child report on the first day of the term?

Year 12: 8.40am start, please use **Huntly Grove entrance (far right-hand end of the school, as you look from Park Road)**. Details of your child's form tutor and tutor room will be posted up in the Science Area Foyer, and there will be staff available to help direct students on the first day. The school day will finish at 3.35pm.

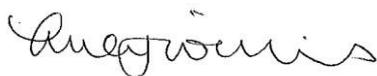
Year 13: 8.40am start, please use **Granville Street Entrance (opposite the Sports Hall)**. Details of your child's form tutor and tutor room will be posted up outside the Sixth Form Common Room, and there will be staff available to help direct students on the first day. The school day will finish at 3.35pm.

If you do have any further questions about the return to school then please do contact a member of the Sixth Form Team.

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We very much look forward to seeing all of our students back together as the King's School Family on 7 September.

Yours faithfully,



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