



26 August 2020

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope everyone has been able to enjoy their summer holiday; my family and I spent a week in sunny (yes, sunny) Wales as well as a few days out in Norfolk. Things are beginning to feel a little more normal and personally I cannot wait to get the students back in school, starting with our new students' induction day on 2 September.

What follows below is a comprehensive letter detailing almost all areas of school life, it is designed to answer any questions you might have about the return to school. However, if any remain please feel free to contact me directly. One of the most significant changes is the standard start time of 8.40am for all year groups, which I hope will make things easier for many families; there will be a natural stagger in the morning and the use of separate entrances will make this safe. Lower School will finish 10 minutes earlier than the older year groups at 3.25pm to allow the majority of them to leave the site before the older students leave.

In addition, we are considering making some wraparound care available to help with dropping off and picking up. There will potentially be a one-hour session available in the morning between 7.30am and 8.30am and a two-hour session in the afternoon from 3.30pm to 5.30pm. There will be a cost of £4 per hour, or part thereof, and this will need to be booked in advance to allow us to plan. All students will remain in year group bubbles. The morning session will include the provision of a pastry and a drink, and biscuits will be available for the afternoon session. Dietary requirements will need to be made clear if applicable.

Bookings will be on a first-come, first-served basis. If you are interested please inform our Finance Manager, Mr Jonathan Goodes, no later than 4.00pm on 1 September by sending him an email at the address below, and direct any questions about this service to him as well:

financemanager@kings.peterborough.sch.uk

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 Denman. 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. 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.

Pupils will spend break and lunchtime outside, unless it is a 'wet' break or lunch. Therefore, pupils should arrive at school with the appropriate clothing for the weather.

PE and Games changing facilities will be unavailable. Therefore, on days when pupils will take part in a Games or PE lesson, they should arrive at school in their PE or Games kit with their school blazer on top.

We would also recommend tracksuit bottoms and a warm top.

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 lunch times from the Dining Hall for Lower School pupils. We will not be providing food or drinks at break time. 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:

Year 7 AHOY:	Mrs Harris (harris.n@kings.peterborough.sch.uk)
Year 8 AHOY:	Mr Brader (brader.h@kings.peterborough.sch.uk)
Year 9 AHOY:	Mr Jenkins (jenkins.g@kings.peterborough.sch.uk)
Pupil Support Officer:	Mrs Palmer (palmer.c@kings.peterborough.sch.uk)

As the 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?

Your child will be able to identify their tutor group and first day arrangements from the table below. The day will start with briefings and tutor time to ensure that pupils are fully aware of how the school is operating, their obligations and timetables. Year 7 will be given this information on their move up day, so please do not worry, they will be very well looked after. However, if you do have any queries regarding first day drop off please do email me directly at stubbs.j@kings.peterborough.sch.uk.

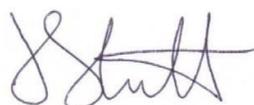
Year	Form	Temporary Room	Entrance
7	DKM	M02	Madeley House
7	JDC	M18	
7	JHH	M01	
7	KSC	M19	
7	SKJ	M20	
8	AAP	110	Main Foyer
8	ACJ	9	
8	JEH	10	
8	JEL	109	
8	MJO	107	
8	RB	104	
9	EJC	71	Granville Street / Chemist Gate
9	KEH	184	
9	KLB	60	
9	MAS	70	
9	THS	62	

If you do have any further questions about the return to school then please do contact a member of the Lower School Team. All contact details, including mine, are available on the key contacts area of the website.

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Assistant Headteacher: Mr Stubbs (stubbs.j@kings.peterborough.sch.uk)

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

Yours faithfully,



Mr J L Stubbs
Assistant Headteacher (Lower School)