



# THE KING'S SCHOOL

GRANTHAM

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

## SARS-COV-2 (Covid-19) update

I hope that you are all well and thank you for your continued support. On Friday 27 November I wrote to parents to keep you informed of the sudden increase in numbers of positive Covid-19 cases declared towards the end of that week. Over the weekend several students were tested, having developed symptoms on either Saturday or Sunday. Those test results have now been returned with additional positive results reported to the School. Throughout this period, we have been working with the Lincolnshire Regional Health Team to monitor cases.

In agreement with the Regional Health Team the school will be closed to students of Year 7, Year 8, Year 9, Year 10, Year 12 and Year 13. This decision will be reviewed by the Governing Body, Senior Team and the Regional Health Team on Friday 04 December and Tuesday 08 December. I will email details of the outcome of those discussions. At this time, we are hopeful that we will be able to start a phased return for some year groups. The earliest this could commence is Monday 07 December, however, this is dependent on the number of cases which will be reviewed daily.

If your son is currently testing or you receive a test result over the coming days please inform the school so that we can continue to monitor the situation: [admin@kings.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@kings.lincs.sch.uk)

The numbers of cases in the student population in Lincolnshire is increasing significantly. Can I also take the opportunity to remind students that the county is going into the national Tier 3 structure: [Tier 3: Very High alert - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/alerts/tier-3-very-high-alert)

### Vulnerable students and the students of Key Workers.

In addition to Year 11, the school will remain open for vulnerable students and students with a Key Worker parent. If your son is coming into school for this reason, can you please ensure that he has his own headphones with him as he will be accessing his Teams lessons from school. Key Workers are defined here: [Critical workers who can access schools or educational settings - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/alerts/critical-workers-who-can-access-schools-or-educational-settings). [Students in school will be able to purchase meals provided by the Catering Team.](#)

### Remote learning

Lessons for all isolating year groups will continue via work being set on Teams by their class teacher at the normal timetabled time. Please support us with ensuring that your child can access Teams from home.

Using any browser, such as Microsoft Edge, Google Chrome, etc. go to <https://portal.office365.com>

Then enter your school email address - username@kings.lincs.sch.uk

You will then be redirected to a page called Kings ADFS.

Once there you will need to put in your username with grkin\ in front of it like - grkin\username.

Then you will need to enter your password.

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## Online Safety

ThinkUKnow has created a page to support parents and young people online. The site includes home activity packs with simple 15-minute activities to support children's understanding of online safety. There is also a parent support section for secondary age children. Further information can be found at <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets>.

## Year 10 Parents' Evening

The Year 10 Parents' Evening scheduled in the calendar for the 10 December will be held virtually. Year 10 parents will receive information on how to book appointments in good time to make these appointments

## Free School Meals

Those students in receipt of Free School Meals will receive an additional correspondence shortly.

Until this weekend, we have had minimal cases in the school enabling us to operate a relatively 'normal' day with boys having five hour-long lessons. We hope to return to a similar situation soon.

Thank you for your support in these challenging times.

Yours sincerely

Simon Pickett

Head Master