



THE KING'S SCHOOL

GRANTHAM

National Lockdown Closure

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

The King's School will be following the instruction from the government to close to students today. I am aware of the enormous impact that has on all our school community. We will, through Microsoft Teams, continue to provide appropriate resources for students at this difficult time. We are all hopeful that the pressure on the NHS reduces and that we can return to normal at the earliest permitted time.

The Department for Education sent out guidance last night and I am grateful that we have had this in time for today.

Vulnerable children and Key Workers

The provision in school will continue for the vulnerable children and Key Workers group. This will predominantly be access to computer facilities so that they can complete their online lessons with their peers. The Key Workers definition has changed and the list is now available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

Only one parent needs to be a Key Worker to access this facility, if you would like to add your son to the Key Workers provision could you please inform the school by email to admin@kings.lincs.sch.uk. Please state the days over the next two-week period. The school will be open from 08:30 until 15:45 for this small group of students.

We have had clarification from the Local Authority that all buses will run but parents must inform the Council by Friday 8th January 2021 if their child still needs to use education transport from Monday 11th January 2021 onwards. Parents should complete [Request school transport form](#).

Remote Learning

Our remote learning option is now well established, and we will continue to offer online lessons on the Microsoft Teams platform. We have limited number of laptops available for loan. If you are struggling with IT access please email admin@kings.lincs.sch.uk and we will see if we are able to assist.

January Public Examinations

The January external examinations for Finance will continue as normal. A separate letter has been sent regarding these exams to the students.

Free School Meals

Students in the Grantham area that receive Free School Meals will have a hamper delivered weekly starting next week. Those who live outside of this area will be provided with vouchers so that they can access a meal. We have provided vouchers for all eligible families for this week. If you have any issues accessing Free School Meal vouchers please contact admin@kings.lincs.sch.uk

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Lateral Flow Tests

As you would expect the school is ready and operating the lateral flow tests. We will be testing all staff weekly and Key Worker's children.

Formal Examinations

At the time of writing details relating to the Year 11 and Year 13 examinations are unclear. The government released the following statement:

"In these circumstances, we do not think it is possible for exams to go ahead fairly this summer. The Secretary of State for Education will be asking Ofqual to consult rapidly on an approach for alternative arrangements that will allow students to progress fairly."

We will monitor this situation and advise students accordingly. We know that this is going to cause concern for both students and parents and once we have greater clarity, we will be communicated the necessary information from the appropriate bodies.

Year 11 Sixth Form Options

Presentations and information regarding the application process for the Sixth Form can be found on the school website at [The King's School Grantham - Year 11 Options Evening - A levels](#) This follows the presentation by Mr Whales in the Year 11 assembly on the 11 December. Year 11 students will be receiving an email invite to open their online Unifrog account in the very near future. The Unifrog account will give a wealth of additional guidance and will also give students access to the Sixth Form application form.

Mental Health and Pastoral Support

The school remains committed to providing pastoral support for all students. If you have any concerns regarding your son, please contact his form tutor in the first instance. Mrs Wigham, our Mental Health and Wellbeing Lead, and the Heads of Year are also available to ensure we meet the needs of all students. If you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact Mr Dixon at Justin.Dixon@kings.lincs.sch.uk

Thank you for your support and co-operation at this difficult time and I hope that we are able to open again soon.

Yours sincerely

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Head Master