



THE KING'S SCHOOL

GRANTHAM

19 March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

The King's School will be following the instruction from the government to close. I am aware of the enormous impact that has on all of our school community. Through the website and the VLE, we will continue to provide appropriate resources for students at this difficult time. Until Easter students are to work on the work already sent out (in the email of 18.3.20 – updated on the website)

It is now important that I organise the staffing structure so that we can comply with the statement by Gavin Williamson yesterday.

"After schools shut their gates on Friday afternoon, they will remain closed until further notice except for children of key workers and vulnerable children, as part of the country's ongoing response to coronavirus.

Examples of these workers include NHS staff, police and supermarket delivery drivers who need to be able to go to work to support the country's fight to tackle coronavirus. Vulnerable children include those who have a social worker and those with Education, Health and Care Plans – a legal document that describes a child's special educational needs and the support they require."

If you would like us to provide "child care" for your son can 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 09:00 until 15:30 for this small group of students.

As soon as information regarding Free School Meals is given to the school we will share this with all relevant parents.

To facilitate "Social Distancing" we will reduce significantly the number of staff on site so I would like to apologise in advance if we take time responding to your urgent enquiries.

At the time of writing details relating to the Year 11 and Year 13 examinations are unclear. We know that they have been cancelled, but, the awarding mechanism remains known. Students and parents can be assured that we will not disadvantage King's students in any awarding process. We will take a similarly sensible, measured and fair approach when considering the process for Year 11 students entering the Sixth Form. I am very aware of the progress students make between their mock examinations and the actual external examinations every year. Year 11 and 13 students have now effectively completed this stage of their education and it is sad that we have not been able to celebrate their time in the school. We will have an event to celebrate this and mark this rite of passage once we reopen. The Year 11 and 13 courses have now finished so if you wish for your son to stay at home from Friday morning then you do so with our understanding and blessing.

We remain very aware that the Year 10 and 12 are only 14 months away from their external examinations.

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

Yours sincerely

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Head Master