



THE KING'S SCHOOL

GRANTHAM

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

I hope that you are all well and have been able to enjoy the summer vacation period. I, like the staff, am really looking forward to seeing you all in a matter of a week, when after all this time we reopen the school fully.

This letter should have originally been sent on Tuesday, but in light of the Government's change on face masks this has been amended and sent today. We have decided that all students will need to wear a face mask in all communal areas and in corridors. The decision to wear a facemask in lessons will be:

- A student's personal preference based on their own concerns regarding the virus.
- At the request of a member of staff in a higher risk category.
- At the request of the school because another student in the classroom is in a high-risk category.

Staff will be provided with face visors, enabling them not to wear a mask covering their mouth and so supporting students with hearing impairments who may 'lip read'.

As a school we require that student and staff face coverings are a single dark colour, preferably navy, maroon or black. Surgical style masks will be acceptable.

If your son is traveling on public transport then he will need to wear a face covering.

If you would like your son to drink water during the day then please supply him with a full bottle labelled with his name. Water fountains will be available during the day, but because of social distancing he may not always be able to access these easily. So a full bottle for the day would be helpful.

Although the school provides an appropriate amount of sanitiser it would be very helpful if your son could bring a personal, small, sanitiser bottle with him every day. This will help with his own reassurance.

I am aware that Years 11, 12 and 13 may be expecting to leave the school site during lunchtime and return for afternoon lessons. Unfortunately, this is not reasonable under the current COVID-19 conditions. We will of course be reviewing this fortnightly. If Sixth Formers have no more lessons in the afternoon they may leave the site to travel home and relieve pressure on school resources.

Can I also remind you about the frequently asked questions and the risk assessment that is on our website at: <https://www.kings.lincs.sch.uk/page/?title=SARS%2DCov%2D2+%7C+Covid%2D19&pid=306>

The guidance from the Department for Education can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

The highest priority remains for students that have any of the main signs of COVID-19 to remain at home and to take a test. The main symptoms and the NHS advice can be found at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

We are very aware of the wide range of attitudes that young adults have towards the current situation. However, we have a number of students and staff who are in the critically vulnerable group and it is most important that we all play our part in protecting them. Please would you talk to your son about the importance of social distancing and thorough hand washing protocols when at school.

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On the return to school we the students will be in year group bubbles wherever possible and in the Sixth Form we will consider the Sixth Form to be one bubble. As a school we will be minimising the contact between year groups wherever possible. Classrooms have been marked out with specific areas for staff and students. Staff will teach across year groups so students will need to maintain a distance of 2 metres or more from staff. This will be a significant change to the way that we teach, but necessary if staff are to move between year group bubbles.

Attendance will be mandatory from the beginning of the autumn term, except where students are in care of public health professionals, are self-isolating in line with public health advice or infection rates rise locally and students are advised to shield. Please can you contact your Head of Year if you are advised to self-isolate by a medical professional.

From September we will be teaching the full curriculum to all students. We believe that the mental health benefits of this are important. However, for certain subjects this will mean some changes. We will no longer be able to loan headphones in music, for example, where we ask that your son brings a pair of headphones with a 3.0 mm jack plug. In Physical Education we have established that we are able to facilitate the boys changing in school. Sports equipment will be cleaned before students from different year groups use it. If your son plays a brass instrument or similar then he will not be able to share the mouthpiece with any other student.

Normal uniform policy will be in place and students will be expected to adhere to this. In line with the guidance we ask that uniforms are cleaned as they would be under normal circumstances.

Information Technology resources have been significantly improved over the summer period. All students in Years 7 to 9 will now have a Microsoft One Drive accessible from home and school. This will be 'rolled out' to other year groups in the coming months when we can be certain that coursework will not be affected.

During the summer vacation period we have taken steps to reduce our energy consumption and lowering our carbon emissions. We have invested in LED lights across the majority of the school site. This will make a huge difference to the environment and is just the start of our sustainability journey. To help us invest in these energy saving measures, we secured grant funding from Smart Energy Greater Lincolnshire through the European Union Regional Development Fund.

The £9.2 million Smart Energy programme has been part funded by the European Regional Development fund. This is enabling public buildings and small to medium businesses across the Greater Lincolnshire area to invest in energy saving technology.

The King's School has partnered with Chartwells, a large and successful national catering provider, to provide catering services from 1st September. This is very exciting and we hope that the changes will be welcomed by all of the students when they return.

Chartwells are introducing a wide range of food options; the menu will be available on the school website shortly. There will be a full catering range in the Dining Room and a range of hot and cold options will be available from the Lower Foyer Pod, and sandwich and wrap options will also be available from the new Tuk Tuk wagons located in the Quad and at the Sports Field.

Each year group bubble will be given the opportunity to visit the catering sales points throughout the week. The schedule for each year group will be reviewed before the half term break. Years 12 and 13 will have sole access to the range of hot and cold products in the Sixth Form Centre Pod.

2 food outlets will be serving take away breakfast options between 08.00 and 08.30. Students bringing their own lunch will be required to eat in their form rooms.



	Dining Room & Quad	Lower Foyer	Field
Monday	12:30pm-1:00pm Year 7 1:00pm-1:30pm Year 8	12:30pm-1:00pm Year 9 1:00pm-1:30pm Year 10	Year 11
Tuesday	12:30pm-1:00pm Year 7 1:00pm-1:30pm Year 8	12:30pm-1:00pm Year 9 1:00pm-1:30pm Year 11	Year 10
Wednesday	12:30pm-1:00pm Year 7 1:00pm-1:30pm Year 8	12:30pm-1:00pm Year 10 1:00pm-1:30pm Year 11	Year 9
Thursday	12:30pm-1:00pm Year 7 1:00pm-1:30pm Year 9	12:30pm-1:00pm Year 10 1:00pm-1:30pm Year 11	Year 8
Friday	12:30pm-1:00pm Year 8 1:00pm-1:30pm Year 9	12:30pm-1:00pm Year 10 1:00pm-1:30pm Year 11	Year 7

Given the current Covid-19 situation, we have decided to move away from the thumb print biometric payment system we have used previously. Unfortunately, along with other schools the order we placed for MiF cards will not be implemented until 17th September. By this time we expect all boys will have been issued with their cards which will allow payment through your ParentPay account balances. The first 2 weeks we will have no choice but to use the thumb print technology and each transaction will be followed with sanitising of the scanner. ParentPay accounts can be credited in the usual way through bank transfers. However, please note that the cash loaders in school will no longer be in use. If this causes difficulty for any family, please get in touch with finance@kings.lincs.sch.uk.

In addition to the student payment cards, each till point will also be able to accept contactless payments from phones, debit cards and all wireless payment methods; if the student is able to use this facility.

I would like to reiterate that we are really excited about having all students back on the school site in September. With our characteristically collaborative, co-operative and 'Can do' approach I have no doubt that we will make the 2020-21 academic a successful one.

Yours sincerely

Simon Pickett

Head Master