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Dear Parents/Guardians

Coronavirus update 3 – URGENT

From Monday, the school will be closed. However, we will be open to provide childcare for pupils in Years 7-10 who have one or more of the following characteristics:

- a) They are entitled to free school meals
- b) They have an Education and Health Care Plan
- c) The school considers them to be vulnerable
- d) They have a parent who works in any essential service

There is no expectation that these children have to attend school – indeed, government advice is that it is much better for them to stay at home. **If your child falls into one of these groups and you are able to make other arrangements, then you should do so.**

Sadly, we will not have the capacity to teach normal lessons. Our plan is to provide pupils with access to a computer so that they can do the tasks their teachers are setting them online.

We now have the official list of “Key Workers” and the essential services they provide (see below). In order to plan what we do, we urgently need to know which pupils will in fact be coming in, so we need parents to contact us **this morning (before 1200 if at all possible)**. If you have already given us this information, you do not need to tell us again.

We need to know:

1. Pupil(s) name(s) and tutor groups
2. Which days they will be coming in (for the next two weeks)
3. Which category they fall into

Point 3 is important – as the number of Kings’ staff who need to self-isolate increases, we may end up with a shortage, at which point we might need to review our provision. We may also need to say ‘no’ to some families.

Please email us at kings.school@kings-winchester.hants.sch.uk or call 01962 861161 by 1200 today.

Pupils coming into school must report to Reception by 0845 and be wearing full school uniform.

Key Workers

Health and social care

Frontline health and social care staff such as doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, as well as support and specialist staff in the health and social care sector. In addition it includes those

working in supply chains including producers and distributors of medicines and personal protective equipment.

Education and childcare

Nursery, teaching staff and social workers.

Key public services

Those required to run the justice system, religious staff, as well as those responsible for managing the deceased, and journalists providing public service broadcasting.

Local and national government

Administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of the Covid-19 response or delivering essential public services, including payment of benefits.

Food and other necessary goods

Those involved in the production, processing, distribution, sale and delivery of food.

Public safety and national security

Police, support staff, Ministry of Defence civilian staff and armed forces personnel, fire and rescue staff, and those responsible for border security, prisons and probation.

Transport

Those who will keep air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the Covid-19 response.

Utilities, communication and financial services

Staff required to keep oil, gas, electricity, water and sewerage operations running. Staff in the civil nuclear, chemical and telecommunications sectors. Those in postal services and those working to provide essential financial services.

Home to School Transport

The County Council will continue to make home to school transport available to those children that are eligible to receive it. In some instances that might require some changes to be made which may take a little time. We expect further information from the Local Authority if this is the case and will provide further information as soon as we have it.

More updates will follow later today and on Monday. Many thanks for your continuing support.

Yours faithfully

Matthew Leeming
Headteacher