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Dear Parents and Carers

We have just received new guidance from the Government, outlining that all Secondary schools in England will be expected to support a staggered return to school in January 2021.

Monday 4th January will now become an additional INSET Day which the government has sanctioned today. The expectation will be for all Year 11 pupils to return to school on Tuesday 5th January. The school will also make provision from 5th January for the children of critical / key workers, and pupils in receipt of Free School Meals in other year groups to attend school. Pupils in all other Secondary year groups will be provided with full time, remote learning, until they return on Monday 11th of January. Details of the provision for pupils in each year group are outlined in the **Learning Plan** towards the end of this letter.

Rapid Lateral Flow Testing

The reason for the staggered return is to allow schools time to plan for the possibility of rapid testing of staff and pupils for Coronavirus using the Lateral Flow Test. The details of how this will work are still being developed and we expect to be in touch again with more information at the start of next term

The Government guidance proposes that, from January, pupils may be offered two rapid tests three days apart, with positive results confirmed by a lab-based PCR test conducted by the Test & Trace service. **In order for these tests to be conducted we must first have received parental consent.**

We understand that the Government hopes that the initial round of testing will help to reassure students, parents and teachers about returning to school and college.

Delivering these tests in school presents a huge logistical challenge which we are just beginning to understand. At this stage, we recognise that we will only be able to do this if we have some volunteer assistance from staff, parents and any others in our community who are willing to assist.

The Government make clear that testing will be optional but strongly encouraged, particularly in areas of higher prevalence of the virus.

In order to plan for testing in school, either routinely on return, or as a result of your child being identified as a close contact of a positive case in school, we include a link to a Microsoft Form. This form will also help us to identify which pupils in Years 7 – 10 will be attending school in the first week of term.

Using this form, please let us know by Thursday 24th December:

- Whether you or your partner are a critical / key worker; e.g. NHS clinical staff, emergency services, school staff etc.
- Whether you are happy for your child to be tested at school, confirming that you have read and agree to the privacy notice included with this letter. All confidential medical information relating

to your child's COVID-19 test and result will be kept securely at school and destroyed after 14 days.

- Whether you would be willing for your name to be added to a list of volunteers able to assist in delivery of the testing programme which may require a commitment, on a rota basis, of 2 to 3 hours at the start of the school day.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=O2B43Qr_A06pXkN0TR4aKjmZaiyaTcpKqTY2GaGZAb5UMUFBNFBNSEdLUEdTWVA5SkpVS01JSEFIUy4u

Please complete this form and return to school by Thursday 24th December.

At this stage, we have received specific and limited information about the proposed testing but want to ensure that our school community is kept informed as much as possible. We do not wish to cause any additional concern for families ahead of the Christmas break and hope that you will work with alongside us to ensure that your child returns to school as quickly as possible in the New Year.

The government has confirmed today that schools' responsibility for contact tracing ceases on 23rd December. If your child tests positive for COVID-19 up to and including this date, you should let us know by emailing covidreport@kings-winchester.hants.sch.uk .

Learning Plan: Week 1 Spring Term 2021: 5 - 8 January

Year 11 - taught as normal *in school*. (If any pupils are self-isolating, staff will set work for them following the usual protocols and details will be found on Satchel One. This will either be in the form of independent work or a livestreamed lesson.)

Years 7 – 10

Pupils will need to check their Satchel One (Show My Homework) account at the start of each day to ensure they know when they will be receiving live lessons and what learning is expected of them. Any live lessons will take place at the same time as their scheduled lesson in school.

From Tuesday 5 January to Friday 8 January, our aim will be for the following provision to be in place (although there may be some variability due to staff illness or self-isolation):

Year 10

- 50% of lessons will be live streamed from the classroom.
- 50% of lessons will require pupils to complete learning set on Satchel One.
- Children of critical workers and other invited pupils who are in school will follow their normal timetable.

Year 9

- **25% live lessons for Core subjects** (English, Maths and Science) - delivered by the teacher from school.
- **Live lessons** for History, Geography, RS, BEE delivered by the teacher from school.
- Work set on Satchel One for all other subjects and remaining Core lessons.
- Children of critical workers and other invited pupils who are in school will work as a supervised group following the programme outlined above for those studying at home.

Year 8

- **25% live lessons for Core subjects** delivered by the teacher from school.
- **Live lessons** for MFL (including Latin), Technology subjects.
- Work set on Satchel One for all other subjects and remaining Core lessons.
- Children of critical workers and other invited pupils who are in school will work as a supervised group following the programme outlined above for those studying at home.

Year 7

- **25% live lessons for Core Subjects** delivered by the teacher from school
- **Live lessons** for Drama, Music, Art.
- Work set on Satchel One for all other subjects and remaining Core lessons.
- Children of critical workers and other invited pupils who are in school will work as a supervised group following the programme outlined above for those studying at home.

For Years 7 – 10

- All PSHEE lessons will be delivered as work set on Satchel One.
- Pupils at home will be directed to the Kings' School PE Youtube Channel for Core PE.
- Pupils within school will receive a PE lesson as usual.
- Pupils in school are expected to wear school uniform as normal, and should follow our current rules for wearing PE kit at required times.

All Year Groups – live assemblies via Teams on usual days

'Live lesson' tutor times at 8 45 am:

Year 7 – Thursday

Year 8 – Wednesday

Year 9 – Tuesday

Year 10 - Friday

Homework

This will not be expected for Years 7-10: pupils will be spending enough time in front of a screen during the course of the school day.

I am sorry for the length of this communication but I am sure that you will understand that, following yesterday's government announcement, and further updates today, there was much that we needed to write to you about before the end of term. I hope that I have explained things as clearly as possible!

Please do continue to check your emails regularly during the holidays, as it is likely that we may need to provide you with additional information during this period.

With very best wishes for the festive season,

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