



## KINGS' SCHOOL, WINCHESTER

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Dear Parents/Carer

This week, the Government announced the return of pupils to schools during the week commencing Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. The return to school involves pupils undertaking a Lateral Flow Test for COVID. In order to facilitate this in a safe and effective manner, we are implementing a staggered return of pupils.

Our intention is that pupils will return for the start of school on their allocated day (below). They will attend lessons in their year group bubbles, with the tests conducted throughout the day. They will then continue to attend school from that point onwards. Please note the sequencing is based upon balancing the priority of year groups who are closest to exams and those who are least able to be left at home independently. Testing two year groups each day is an ambitious target and we will inform you if we need to delay any of the return dates due to testing taking longer than expected.

Monday – Years 10 and 11

Tuesday – Year 7 (with Years 10&11)

Wednesday – Years 8 and 9 (with years 7, 10 & 11)

Pupils who are children of key workers etc. who are currently attending school will continue to attend, as normal from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

Pupils will be tested on the day they arrive back in school, repeated 3 to 5 days apart until they have taken 3 tests. When pupils have had their third test they will be issued with the 'At Home Test Kits' to allow continued testing twice weekly at home.

Please note that by consenting and having a test that your contact details, email and mobile numbers etc. will be passed to the NHS Test and Trace service. You should read the attached Privacy Notice.

In order for pupils to undertake a Lateral Flow Test at school we require parents to complete the consent form, which can be accessed below, by midday on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. A short explanation booklet and pictorial guide on Lateral Flow Testing are also attached to this letter.

[COVID Testing Consent Form March 2021](#)

Please ensure you have read our updated COVID Protocol which is available on the school website.

Please note, the timings for the school day are unchanged, with pupils arriving for tutor time ready for 8.45am. Pupils onsite before this time are reminded to attend their year group zones. All pupils will obviously be moving around the site simultaneously at movement times between lessons. We will be emphasising to them the importance of making their way to their next lessons promptly and not mixing with pupils from other year groups.

One key change in the Protocol is that pupils will need to wear their face coverings (unless they have written evidence of exemption) at all times onsite, including in classrooms, apart from when they are appropriately distanced in their outdoor year group zone at lunch time.

The school buses will operate as usual. Parents and pupils are reminded that face coverings must be worn when travelling on school buses or public transport.

We will be looking to re-start our after-school extra-curricular programme in the near future and will advise you of specific activities, once these are available for pupils.

One of the key expectations we have of pupils is them taking responsibility for their actions and behaviours. Clearly, now more than ever, each of our pupils has a responsibility for conducting him/herself in a manner that allows us to keep the school site as safe as possible and we will be regularly emphasising the importance of this.

Our high expectations and culture at Kings' School for behaviour and uniform are unchanged. Upon their return we want to focus on pupils' welfare and their learning. As such we welcome your continued support with ensuring pupils return to school 'Kings' ready', including:

- Uniform is complete, of the correct size, and shoes are the correct style
  - Hair styles, jewellery and piercings comply with school rules
  - Having all the correct equipment to learn
  - Wearing the correct PE to school, on the appropriate day
- Please note pupils can check their PE activity for the w/c 8<sup>th</sup> March on Satchel One.

I need to emphasise the importance of parents continuing to provide a packed lunch for your children wherever this is possible; this will help us to avoid unnecessary congestion during the lunch break.

Please note further year-specific communication will follow next week in relation to the calendared assessments and reports.

I would like to emphasise how we are really looking forward to pupils returning to school and us working together to enable all pupils to be happy, confident, well-motivated, and successful.

Yours faithfully

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Kings' School