



THE KING'S SCHOOL

5 June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope over the half-term break everyone was able to have a well-earned rest whilst enjoying the very favourable weather. During half-term I wrote to you with an update on key developments including Year 10 face-to-face sessions and the introduction of live online lessons.

Whilst we will begin to welcome back Year 10 students for some limited face-to-face sessions from the week beginning 15th June, we must still remain closed for students in Years 7, 8 and 9, except for children of key workers and pupils considered to be vulnerable. Parents and carers of Year 10 pupils will receive additional correspondence today with comprehensive details about the face-to-face sessions.

I reiterate my view from my previous correspondence that we continue to be impressed with the engagement of pupils with home learning, but are acutely aware that the longer this situation goes on, the more difficult it is for them to remain engaged. Considering this, and taking into account feedback from pupils and parents/carers, we have added live online lessons to the home learning provision we will offer this term.

We will continue to set core and extension tasks in each subject on Show My Homework (SMHW) on a Sunday for the following week for all pupils. However, these will now be complemented by a series of new live online lessons delivered through Google Classroom for all year groups. Pupils are already familiar with using this platform and will be able to log in by using their current Google Classroom email address and password.

The timetable of live online lessons will be published on the home learning page of the school website (link below) each Sunday along with the weekly subject overviews and tasks being set by class teachers on SMHW. You will also find the key piece summary documents for Term 6 here which indicate when the task in each subject will be marked and feedback provided.

<https://kings.patrust.org.uk/parent-carer-communication/>

The timetable for next week will be available on the website from today so you are able to have a look over the weekend before the sessions start on Monday. Pupils will need to join the live online lesson through Google Classrooms for each subject, with a specific code. Their subject teacher will give them the specific code they need for that subject in the SMHW instructions on Sunday. As I am sure you will understand security has been a key consideration when setting up these live online lessons so these codes are not something which we can publish on the website. Pupils only need to use the code once to join each subject classroom. I would advise pupils to join the live online lesson Google Classroom for each subject at their earliest convenience.

I recognise that this ongoing situation continues to be very difficult but once again thank you all for your continued support.

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Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dominic Pinto', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

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