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INFORMATION FOR ALL PARENTS/CARERS

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this finds you and your families well. I write to you at the end of a difficult week, which in truth has felt different to previous weeks with regard to confirmed cases of Covid-19. I am grateful that we still have relatively few and we continue to follow risk assessments to the letter to ensure that this remains the case. I also hope that you find the correspondence from the school useful. There is of course a balance needed here but as parents/carers I want you to be fully informed of what happens in school.

I am aware that as we have had to isolate groups of students this week, it will lead to discussion amongst parents/carers and understandably causes concern. This is especially the case for Year 11 students and families who have mock exams starting soon. We understand this anxiety, but will do everything we can to make sure that students are supported, have the resources they need and be given the best opportunity to be successful. It is difficult for us to see our Year 11 students worried but it speaks volumes about their commitment and determination to be successful – something that they should be given immense credit for. We will operate a common sense approach to all assessments for all year groups and will continue to monitor the situation next week.

With some students at home, our streamed lessons are all the more important and we have been working hard to correct any initial teething problems. Please remember that streamed lessons are different to the live online lessons that were delivered during lockdown. This is because teachers will have a larger group in the class and a small number accessing the lesson from home. On occasions this means that the student at home may not be able to access everything in the same way as the students in class – unfortunately an unavoidable product of streaming the lessons as they happen. To ensure that our expectations are aligned, we have included a 'Frequently Asked Questions' document on the website. Please see the link below.

<https://kings.patrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Streamed-Lessons-FAQs.pdf>

Please rest assured that the safety of all members of The King's School community remains our priority. We will do everything we can to ensure that students are not disadvantaged and we will endeavour to keep them in school, in a safe and calm environment.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. D Pinto
Headteacher