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THE KING'S SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

School Update on Staggered Re-Opening for January

I hope that this letter finds you well and having enjoyed a peaceful and healthy Christmas.

Further to my letter at the end of last term, I write to confirm the arrangements for the start of term following the announcement yesterday from the Government. The Government has directed all schools to stagger the return of secondary age students back to schools.

Arrangements for w/c 4th January 2021

All year groups to remain at home.

- All year groups will be required to access their full timetable of lessons remotely from Monday 4th January with all lessons being live streamed by their normal allocated teachers.
- Students have all the information they need to log on and access their lessons. Students will be expected in form time at 9.00am every day. Students who are in school will be based in a classroom or computer room and will access live lessons on either a computer or a laptop alongside those students at home.

Emergency Care and Vulnerable Students only on site.

- Vulnerable children and children of critical workers are able to attend the school if required.
- In order for the School to facilitate this provision, we ask for parents of children in Year 11 intending to send their child/children to school during the first week of term to contact us through My Child At School (MCAS) (Instructions included with this letter) no later than 10am on Saturday 2nd January 2021. If you are unsure about whether you or your child falls in to one of these categories, please refer to the Government guidance which can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>.

- Students who fall into the above category and where a place has been requested, will be based in a classroom or computer room, and will access live lessons on either a computer or a laptop alongside those students at home.

Free School Meals

- Year 11 families that qualify for free school meals and would like us to provide a food hamper for the w/c 4th January should contact the School through MCAS (Instructions included with this letter) no later than 10am on Saturday 2nd January 2021. They will be ready for collection from Wednesday 6th January at 1pm.

- Year 7-10 families that qualify for free school meals and have ordered a hamper for w/c 4th January will also receive a hamper for w/c 11th January.

Arrangements for w/c 11th January 2021

- Year 11 will return to school for on-site learning. Further communications will be issued during the first week of term to confirm the arrangements for these students.
- For all other year groups (Year 7 to 10), remote learning provision will be provided.

Arrangements for w/c 18th January 2021

- The expectation is that all year groups in the School return to on-site learning.
- Further communications will be issued in due course to confirm the arrangements for these students.

Mass Testing Programme for Students and Staff in Secondary Schools

You may have heard that mass COVID-19 testing for those without coronavirus symptoms is to be rolled out across secondary schools across the country. The directive from the Government to stagger the return of students is to allow schools an initial period of time to plan and implement the voluntary testing guidance.

Along with the other measures we have taken so far, these tests will help students and staff to work safely. We are positive about the potential for the mass testing of students and staff in schools, as a way of reducing the spread of the virus and enabling fewer students and staff to self-isolate.

Setting up the programme in the school will be a complex operation. There is detailed planning and training involved. We will be accessing all available Government guidance to implement these procedures and will let you know more about our plans as soon as we can. We will also be providing information on how we will seek consent for the testing of your child/children. The test is voluntary but, I would encourage everyone to take it. Please be assured that testing will only be undertaken with the appropriate consents in place.

To facilitate the volume of testing required, the School may require volunteers to support on site testing arrangements. If you would be willing to be a volunteer, have any relevant experience/transferable skills, and /or have first aid and/or experience with lateral flow testing, please contact admin@kings.patrust.org.uk. At this stage we are looking for expressions of interest to support the planning and implementation of the testing process.

I accept that this update is so near to the start of the new term. Please accept my apologies for this, however, it is simply unavoidable due to the timing and quantity of government guidance issued to the Trust and its schools at different stages over the Christmas period.

As we have done throughout the pandemic we aim to communicate on a regular basis and look forward to welcoming our students back to school at the designated times.

As ever, thank you for the support and I wish you all a happy and healthy 2021.

Yours sincerely,



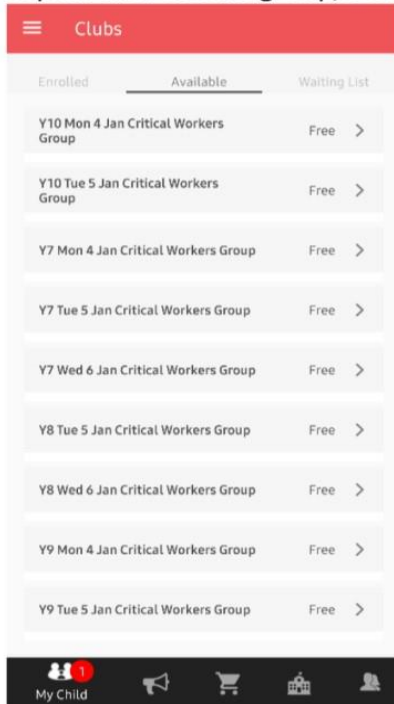
Mr. D Pinto
Headteacher

Clubs – Critical Workers Group – Helpsheet

Guide to adding Pupils to the Critical Worker Groups

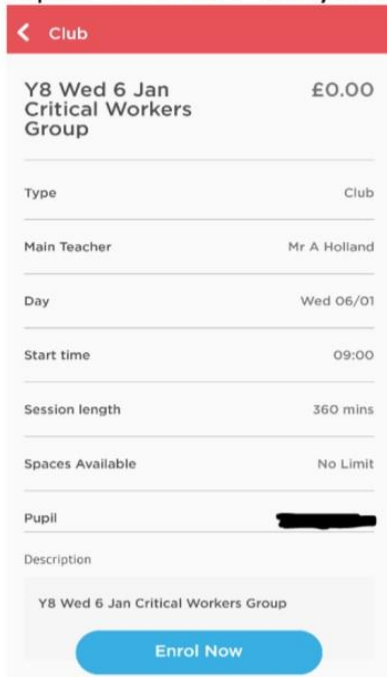
Open the MCAS app and go to Clubs, then “Available”

Tap on the relevant group/s for your child for when you would like them to attend school.



This will open the Club details screen and enable you to review.

Tap on “Enrol Now” and your child will be enrolled in this group.



Follow this process to add your child into multiple Groups.

The list of groups will then show in the “Enrolled” heading.

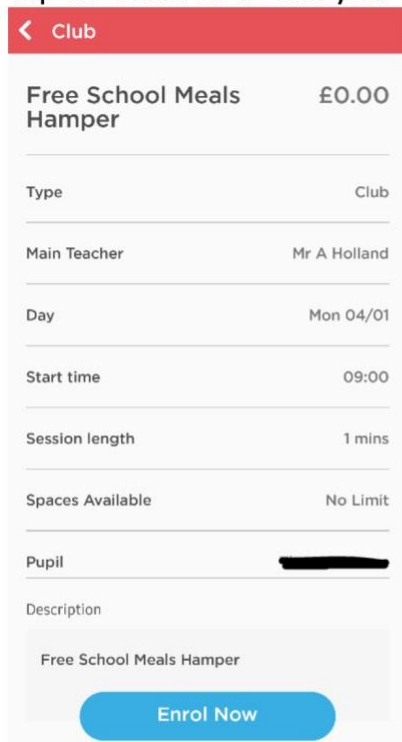
Clubs – Free School Meals Hamper – Helpsheet

Guide to adding Pupils to the Free School Meals Group

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Tap on “Free School Meals Hamper “



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