



THE KING'S SCHOOL

28 May 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: End of term update

You will be aware that on Monday, 17 May 2021, the Prime Minister moved the country to 'Step 3' of the 'Roadmap out of lockdown'. Due to the increased number of cases in the Wakefield area, we were advised by Public Health England to ask students and staff to continue to wear face coverings in all areas of school. However, due to a decrease in the number of localised cases, from Monday, 7 June 2021, students will no longer be required to wear face coverings in the classroom.

As a result of the above, please see below some key detail regarding how The King's School will operate when students return after half-term.

School Logistics

The school will operate in a similar way, but with two main differences relating to face coverings and movement around the school site. Our priority continues to be the safety and wellbeing of our community and as such our main system of controls remains in place. This will be fully communicated with students and the details of our logistical approach are detailed in this letter.

Government Guidance

Our plans continue to be based on national guidance, much of the content in this guidance will be familiar to you. The government guidance can be found here. [Guidance for schools: coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/guidance-for-schools-coronavirus-covid-19) (www.gov.uk)

Risk Assessment

We have updated our robust and externally validated risk assessment, which can be found here [Secondary Risk Assessment - March 2021 \(Updated May 2021\)](#)

Face Coverings

One of the main differences when students return to school on Monday, 7 June 2021, is the guidance regarding face coverings. When students return, they will be no longer be required to wear a face covering whilst in lessons, when they are outside or when they are sat eating or drinking. However, like in the autumn term, students will still be required to wear a face covering while moving around the school site such as in corridors and communal areas. Please note, should a student want to wear a face covering in lessons, they are welcome to do so.

If your child uses a school bus or public transport, they will be required to wear a face covering. A member of staff will supervise students getting on the bus at the end of the day and will ensure that this happens.

Lessons

The second main difference is students will return to moving around the school site for their lessons. This will allow normality to return, which is especially important for our current Year 7 and 8 students who have had limited opportunity to do this so far. It also means that students have access to specialist classrooms and are able to take part in more engaging lessons. We will introduce a one-way system in certain areas of school to reduce contact as much as possible. As a school community we are excited about being able to provide students with the resources and experience they have been deprived of for such a significant time.

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Students will be given a paper copy of their timetable on the first day back so they know where they need to be. Year 7 students will be given a tour of the site to ensure they are familiar with where they need to be for each of their lessons.

As part of our enhanced hygiene procedures, at the end of each lesson, students will be given sanitising wipes and asked to wipe down their chair and desk in preparation for the next group of students.

Years 7, 8 and 9 will continue to be taught in universally set groups to minimise further mixing. Assemblies will continue to be virtual and detentions will be conducted in year group bubbles. Students will remain in their year group bubbles at breaks and lunchtimes.

Start and End of the School Day

The school gates will continue to be open from 8:25am every day. Students can arrive at any time from this point until 8:55am for a prompt start in classrooms at the scheduled start time of 9:00am. Entry and exit points for your child's year group remain unchanged, below:

Year Group	Entry Gate	Designated Meeting Area
Year 7	1	Tennis courts
Year 8	3	Dining Room Quad
Year 9	3	DT Quad
Year 10	1	PE Quad

The end of the school day will revert back to all lessons, for all year groups, finishing at 3:05pm. Careful planning will ensure that students in different zones of the school will leave using designated routes to ensure as little mixing as possible.

Social times

There will be a slight change to social times as follows:

Year Group	Break time	Break area	Lunch time	Lunch area
7	10:20-10:35	PE Quad	1:35 - 2:05	Dining Hall
8	10:20-10:35	Dining Hall	12:35 - 1:05	Dining Hall
9	11:20-11:35	Deli	1:35 - 2:05	Deli
10	10:20-10:35	Deli	12:35 - 1:05	Deli

Please note, the changes outlined above are subject to the planned continuation of the government's roadmap out of lockdown.

Finally

I appreciate that families will still be facing hardship as a result of the last twelve months and I thank you for your continued support during this time. I cannot do the students justice in a letter, as their conduct, resilience and maturity never cease to amaze me and I know this is a view shared across the whole staff body. I sincerely hope that this is a significant step in the right direction and an indication of better times to come – starting with the weather next week!

Yours faithfully



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