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Dear Student, Parent/Carer,

I hope this finds you well at the end of the summer break.

You will recall that I wrote to you at the end of the last academic year with some key information for the start of term. It was at that point that the government made the decision to move to Step 4 in response to the pandemic. The guidance for schools has recently been updated on 27 August, 2021 and I wanted to share the key points with you so you are fully prepared for the start of term.

Risk Assessment

We have updated our robust risk assessment to reflect the changes in the guidance. As ever, these have been externally validated by external health and safety consultants. This, along with our Outbreak Management Plan will be published on our website in due course.

Self-isolation & Close Contacts

As of 18 July, schools no longer undertake contact tracing. Close contacts are now identified through NHS Test and Trace. Fully vaccinated adults and those under the age of 18 (regardless of vaccine) no longer need to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with Covid-19. PCR tests are highly recommended for those informed that have been in close contact. **All staff and students who usually attend school, and have been identified as a close contact should continue to attend school as normal.** Please ensure that if your child tests positive on either a LFT or PCR test you notify us.

Face Coverings

Face coverings are no longer advised for staff, students or visitors in classrooms or communal areas. However, it is still advised they be worn on public transport, school buses and in enclosed or crowded places.

Home Testing

Home testing will resume for both students and staff who wish to participate. We are informed that at this stage that twice weekly testing will continue throughout September.

The full updated guidance can be found here: [Schools COVID-19 operational guidance - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/schools-covid-19-operational-guidance) (www.gov.uk)

Other Measures

Our risk assessment outlines how we will continue to implement control measures. It is our priority to continue to minimise risk. We will continue with enhanced cleaning schedules, including continuous cleaning throughout the day, all staff and students will sanitise hands upon entry to any classroom or social area, ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting 'catch it, bin it, kill it' and maintain good ventilation in all parts of the school building.

Start/End of the day

As mentioned in my previous letter, all students are expected to be in school for 8.55am for a prompt 9.00am start. We will continue to use dedicated areas for year groups. All students will be directed to where they need to go on Wednesday morning but should use the following gates:

- Gate 1 – Years 7 and 10
- Gate 2 – Year 11
- Gate 3 – Years 8 and 9

The school day will end for all students at 3.05pm.


Uniform/Expectations

So we ensure all our students get it right from day one, you can check our uniform guide here: [Uniform : The King's School \(patrust.org.uk\)](http://Uniform : The King's School (patrust.org.uk)). Should you have any difficulties regarding uniform contact your child's Student Liaison Officer through admin@kings.patrust.org.uk and they will be able to help. False nails and nail colours should be removed as well as any piercings other than a single plain stud in the ear lobe for your child's return to school. Haircuts should be professional with no extreme styles or unnatural colours. Any short haircuts should be well blended or faded, no lower than a 0.5 grade on the back and sides. It is important that our students continue to meet our consistently high uniform expectations and present both themselves and the school community with pride.

Finally

We look forward to welcoming all our students back on Wednesday 8 September and I am excited for what the new academic year will bring. Hopefully a real focus on education, learning and helping all our students reach their potential.

Thank you for your continued support.



Mr. D Pinto
Headteacher