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Dear Parents / Carers

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## Reopening plans for Kingsdown for Priority Children

I hope this letter finds you and your family safe and well.

I write further to my letter of 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Below are the Kingsdown plans for reopening for Priority children. I hope everything is clear but, as always, if you have any questions just get in touch. May I remind you that Priority groups refers to those children in years 7 – 10 inclusive who:

- Have an EHCP – a statement of special educational needs
- Have children in our ASC
- Have / are receiving intervention and support from a social worker
- Have a parent who is a key worker

### So what does the government guidance say?

*Education and childcare settings have open to priority groups. Now that we have made progress in reducing the transmission of coronavirus we are encouraging all eligible children to attend – it is no longer necessary for parents of eligible children to keep them at home if they can.*

### So what does the government guidance mean to you and your child?

The guidance is saying that all our Priority children at Kingsdown school should be in school.

So,

if your child is in years 7 – 10 and in a priority group, then your child would benefit from being in school and supported by our teachers and our education support champions.

### So what would a day at Kingsdown look like for my child?

They will arrive at a set time and there will be two hours of supported learning. Students in our ASC will have an additional hour of guided support. All students will have a lunch break and have a free two course lunch.

### How do I book a place?

All you need to do is to complete this simple google document [KDS Provision Booking Form](#) and press the send button by Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 12pm. We will then be in touch to confirm your place by Friday 12pm.

### Do I have to book a place?

**No** – this is not compulsory. We are here to support you and want to help. We understand that home-learning isn't that easy. We are here to help. That said, the guidance clearly states that *"we [the government] are encouraging all eligible children to attend – it is no longer necessary for parents of eligible children to keep them at home"*.

### Does my child have to attend every day?

**Yes** – we would expect daily attendance if you booked a place at the provision, however if your child is unwell or unable to attend you will need to inform the school.

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**We champion each and every student**

**Does my child need to wear school uniform?**

**No** – we suggest that your child wears something practical and something that can be easily washed after a day at school

**Will my child need a packed lunch?**

**No** – to support our families we will be supplying your child with lunch. If they have any dietary needs, please outline on the form and return by Wednesday at 12pm.

**How can my child get to school?**

We ask that you either drop your child off or they can walk / cycle to school. We ask that you remind them about social distancing on their way to and from school.

**Will my child be safe?**

A full risk assessment has been carried out in line with the Covid 19 government guidance for schools. We will of course keep the management of the provision under constant review. The safety of students and staff will be our number one priority.

**When would this provision begin?**

This will go live as of Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June. As you can imagine, the school needs a little time to set our provision up. We will be training and supporting our teachers and Education Support Assistants during the week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> June and then looking to have our Priority children in school from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June.

For our year 10 parents, I will be writing to you next week to explain how we will be supporting your child further. In the meantime, can you all ensure that your child is accessing their online learning via Show my Homework.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch via [head@kingsdownschool.co.uk](mailto:head@kingsdownschool.co.uk)

For those parents with Priority children, please complete this electronic form by clicking on the [KDS Provision Booking Form](#). We ask that you complete this form by Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. You will hear back from us by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June.

With best wishes to you and your family.

Mrs Leigh-Bennett  
**Headteacher**