

3rd June 2020

Dear Parents / Carers

Reopening plans for Kingsdown for Year 10

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

I write further to my letter of 22nd May. Below are the Kingsdown plans for reopening for year 10. I hope everything is clear but, as always, if you have any question, please just get in touch.

So what does the Government guidance say?

Education settings are to begin offering some face-to-face support to Year 10 to supplement their remote education, which should remain their predominant mode of education during this term

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

The guidance is saying that all our Year 10 children (where not shielding) should attend school.

Does my child have to attend every day?

No - As a school we must not have more than 25% of the year group in at one time. This means that your child will be in school for one session a week, (this will be the same day and start time each week). That said, they must attend each and every session allocated. If your child is unwell or unable to attend you will need to inform the school following our usual absence processes.

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

We will write to you and your child and confirm the date and time they are to arrive in school and their provision after that. It is really important that they are on time but arrive no more than 10 minutes before the start of their session. Your support here is needed.

In week 1 of the reopening they will be in school for 1 hour 20 mins and have a meet, greet and Beat time session in the morning. The purpose of this will be to review their wellbeing, reconnect with their tutors and a small number of tutees and review their remote / SMHK learning. From week 2 of the reopening they will be in school for 1 hour 40 mins. From week 3 onwards the pattern of new learning and reviewing learning will continue.

What should I do next

All you need to do is to complete this simple [hyperlink](#) and press the submit button by Friday 5th June at 11 am. We will then be in touch to confirm the date and time that your child needs to be on site and in school. We will do this by Wednesday 10th June. We will also send home our expectations around Behaviour for Safe Learning in particular and we will need you to talk these through with your child in advance of their start date.

Does my child need to wear school uniform?

No – we request 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 – session will be in the morning so children will not be in school during the lunch period. We do however, ask that your child has a bottle of water.

What will my child need to bring?

In addition to a bottle of water, your child should bring their own pencil case and must not share or swap with other classmates.

How can my child travel 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. Please ensure that they are punctual – again, not too early and not late. This will support us in the logistics that we must put in place, students will line up 2m apart on arrival. Please be reminded that unfortunately we can not yet welcome parents on to school site unless in emergency situations.

Will my child be safe?

The school environment is low risk - A full and detailed 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 continue to be our number one priority. You are reminded that although very stringent measures are in place and closely monitored, as a school we can not guarantee to keep students socially distant at all times.

When would this provision begin?

The provision for Year 10 will begin on Monday 15th June. As you can imagine, the school needs a little time to set our provision up.

Will this replace Show My Homework?

No – this will support it. Your child must continue to logon every day and complete the tasks, quizzes and research tasks that have been set by their teachers. Your continued support in checking and reviewing their learning is needed and appreciated. It is so important that your child continues with their learning programme – this will have a real impact on their examination performance in May / June 2021.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch via head@kingsdownschool.co.uk

With best wishes to you and your family.

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