



COVID-19 Update



Dear Parents,



We wanted to provide you with an update on our approach so far in relation to the ever changing situations with COVID-19.

It is not yet clear how the spread of Coronavirus will develop and the extent of its impact on our school. We continue to follow the advice and updates that are being provided by GOV UK and Public Health England, and we continue to take all necessary safeguards around handwashing and personal hygiene, as well as following advice around those who have visited Category 1 and Category 2 countries. Also, national advice information about next steps is coming out regularly from River Learning Trust and the Local Authority.

However, you will be aware that other European countries have already taken steps to delay the spread of the virus, including the closure of all schools. There is an increasing possibility that the UK Government may take similar action, and we have been planning accordingly.

We have prepared a response to a range of scenarios, including a short term closure of the school following a confirmed case within the school community, and a longer term closure mandated by the government.

Please take a few moments to read this document which details elements of our plan.



How can I support?

In the event of enforced closure, we have plans in place to provide work and resources to ensure pupils are able to continue their learning. This will be distributed via Show My Homework. During the coming days please could you:

- Check that your child is able to access **Show My Homework** at home.
- Let us know if you do not have internet access at home or the facility to access Show My Homework.
- Ensure that your contact details on our system are up to date, we may wish to communicate with you via text message and email. If you have not received a recent groupcall, it may mean that we do not have an up to date number for you.

Should you require any password changes for Show My Homework or you need to update us on any of the above points, please do so via your child's progress leader.

The link for Show My Homework and updates can be found on <https://www.kingsdownschool.co.uk/>

Safeguarding



- We are doing all we can to keep those within our school community safe.
- Trips, visits, matches and activities are being assessed and reviewed and will be postponed where necessary. There is a travel ban on all international school trips.
- We are endeavouring to keep things ‘normal’ as much as possible. We will continue to reinforce to pupils the importance of personal hygiene, encouraging them to wash their hands
- Should you have any safeguarding concern, please report via the Sharps button on the school website.



Year 11 and exam preparation



- We are placing priority on making certain that all content for exam subjects in Year 11 is covered and prepared appropriately.
- Work will be set by class teachers daily and will be shared via Show My Homework.
- We have increased communication with the exam boards so that we gather reassurances that no student would be in any way disadvantaged within the up and coming exam season.
- Clear advice would be given to all schools across the country and we would keep in close contact with all students affected.

Useful links for advice



NHS Website:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19>

• NHS 111 Online:

<https://111.nhs.uk>

• NHS Coronavirus Service:

<https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19>

• NHS Advice for travellers: www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/advice-for-travellers/

• PHE:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

Where can I get further advice?

• You can contact Ms Magenty smagenty@kingsdownschool.co.uk

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