

Parent 20 Clicks

COVID-19 Update

17.4.20



Dear Parents and Carers,



We hope that you continue to be managing well during this continued period of lock down. These are not easy times and do please remember that we are here if you need any further advice, support or guidance.

We will continue to set online learning for your child and this is all accessible through Show My Homework. More detail follows in these 20 clicks. We have been pleased with the level of engagement so far.

We will also continue to check in on all our students. Can I ask you to support us with this online contact by checking that your child has responded to their tutor **every Monday by 3pm?**

We remain at the end of an email and send you our very best wishes

Mrs Leigh-Bennett

Safeguarding your children - Who can I contact if I am worried about my child?



Over this period, our safeguarding procedures remain the same. Should you be concerned about the welfare of your child, we are available to provide support and advice.

Issues that may arise are:

- Concerns about mental health
- Online/cyber bullying
- Peer on peer abuse (bullying)
- Managing relationships within your family



SHARP
Confidential
Incident
Reporting

The safeguarding team comprises of:

The Designated Safeguarding Lead: Ms S Magenty

Deputy Safeguarding Lead: Karen Agambar.

Both can be contacted via SHARPs or cp@kingsdownschool.co.uk

The SHARPs link is found at the bottom of the school website homepage

Safeguarding - Supporting your child



As we finish week four of isolation, you may be at the point where you require some fresh information and support for you and your teenager. Your child may be feeling angry, worried or they won't stay at home. Below are some numbers and websites that could be useful to you:

[Anxiety UK](#) - Helpline 03444 775 774 or text service 07537 416 905

[Young Minds](#)- This site as a brilliant parent A-Z and should have an answer for most concerns.

Additional information for parents to support their child online:

[**Video to support internet safety**](#)

Safeguarding - Digital parenting



Take the digital pledge

Make a commitment to each other about how much technology you and your family will use.

1) **Set ground rules as a family**

Decide as a family how much technology you are going to use so that you aren't just dictating to them. This is a great opportunity for everyone to reflect on their online and technology use.

1) **Use technology together**

It is impossible to be there all of the time, but watching You Tube videos together or play games, is a great way to build relationships and get to know what your child is accessing

1) **Lead by example**

If it is down time for technology try and not sneak a peak on your phone or look at work emails. It shows your child that monitoring and limiting technology is important for everyone!

For more information visit: <https://www.vodafone.co.uk/mobile/digital-parenting/>

Free School Meal Vouchers



Due to the very short notice of vouchers being offered over the Easter Break, Edenred have been overwhelmed with the orders and as a result are experiencing some delays.

All orders were placed last Monday. Each voucher for each student was ordered separately and will arrive separately, often quite far apart. Once you have redeemed your code for a voucher please be aware it can take up to 24hr to arrive.

We have been advised that if parents have queries they should visit: [Edenred FAQ](#) rather than email the school. We are so sorry, this makes it very frustrating for us too as a school, as we are unable to help or support our families who really need it.

Thank you very much for your understanding and patience



Parent queries:

If you need to contact the school with any query, please email head@kingsdownschool.co.uk or during the COVID-19 school closure or you can text 07860041670. As always we will aim to get back to you within 48 hours.

With our continued best wishes

Everyone at Kingsdown

Student Bulletin - Safeguarding check



Each week we will communicate with our students to complete our safeguarding checks and share new information with them. The process during term time will run the in the following way each week:

Monday 9am: tutor will set online bulletin via show my homework

Monday 3pm: students must have responded to their tutor

Tuesday AM: tutors share responses with pastoral team

Tuesday PM: group call text message to parents whose children did not respond to confirm children are safe and well

Wednesday AM: further follow up to families with no response. This will be done via group call or telephone

On occasion, there may be some duplicated contact. Please support us by ensuring that your child has logged on to SMHW and has responded / e-mailed their tutor by Monday 3pm. Our main priority is of course the safety and well being of all of our students and we appreciate your support during this time.

Term 5 begins on Monday 20th April



Setting tasks for all students

Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey, we have found the feedback incredibly helpful. As a result, to further support all students, we will now be setting tasks on a Friday for the entire week. The completion date will be the following Friday. This allows all students to follow their normal timetable or to be flexible in working around the needs of the family. Work for all students will be set for week 1 of term 5 on Friday 17th April.

Supporting all student

Staff are working hard to ensure the instructions are as clear as possible, including videos to support understanding and learning. However, if your son/ daughter is unable to complete a task, do seek support from the class teacher. They are ready on hand to answer any questions.

My child is in Y7/Y8



The Curriculum

The Heads of Departments and their teams have been designing new projects for students in Y7 and Y8 to complete during term 5. Alongside these projects will be the normal SMHW quizzes and recall tests. It is vital that students continue to revise previous knowledge through these quizzes and tests so that the learning stays in the long-term memory.

The projects will also allow teachers to feedback on the progress students are making. We look forward to seeing the evidence of their hard work.

My child is in Y9



The Curriculum

Students in Y9 started their GCSE options in September. The curriculum for Y9 students for term 5 will focus on new tasks referring to their previous learning.

In some cases, these new tasks will be in the form of projects. Our intention is to engage our students as much as possible during this challenging time, alongside ensuring that they are able to remember the important knowledge for each of their subjects. Therefore, the weekly knowledge quizzes and recall tests will still take place.

My child is in Y10



The Curriculum

For the vast majority of subjects, students in Y10 will experience new learning for term 5. This will be taught through videos, audio clips and will follow the normal sequence of lessons that would have taken place if we had been in school.

We encourage you to support your son/ daughter to engage in these tasks as it will advantage them enormously.

Some subjects have almost finished the GCSE course and Y11 was designed to consolidate and refine the skills needed for the GCSE. In these cases, students will be set new tasks that focus on previous learning. This will ensure they are able to retain the subject knowledge into their long-term memory.

My child is in Y11



The Curriculum

It is a very challenging time for Y11 students. Many Heads of Department have been collating resources to support the students in the next stage of their journey. Much of this has already been passed on.

In order to support the students accessing these resources, including resources to support life skills and information about their future careers, we are putting together a web page for Y11s with all the information they will need to support their learning prior to September.

It is anticipated that this will be ready in the next few weeks. In the meantime, please refer to the blog on the school webpage. This can be found here: <https://kingsdowncareers.wordpress.com/>

Student Rewards #motivation



With another three weeks + of lockdown to go, next week we will be launching our remote rewards for students.

This will take shape through gold cards, beats badges and achievement points as well as praise directly to students by teachers responding to their work with positivity and encouragement.

Ask your child about the praise and encouragement they are receiving from their teachers - many, many of our students are completing excellent work and getting involved in many new activities.

Mrs Lees

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

or Mrs Brown hbrown@kingsdownschool.co.uk