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Dear parents/carers

Thank you for your support this year, the return to school of all students has been very positive and they have adapted quickly and maturely to the changes in routine that we have made in order to try to keep everyone safe and well. As we expect from KNGS and sixth form students, they have risen to the challenge of a different learning environment and are taking pride in their work, ownership of their learning and really are continuing to flourish.

The purpose of this letter is to clarify the current Government guidance on individual student isolation procedures and their attendance at school. We all have a social and moral duty to adhere to the Government advice. Parents/carers and students who ignore this advice are putting the lives of vulnerable staff, students and their families at significant risk.

Your child must NOT attend school if they, or anyone else in the household, has:

- **A high temperature:** This means they feel hot to touch on their chest or back.
- **A new, continuous cough:** This means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual).
- **A loss or change to sense of smell or taste:** This means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

If your child, or anyone in the household, has any of the above symptoms, you MUST follow the Government advice which is currently:-

1. *Get a test* to check if you/your child or household member has coronavirus as soon as possible.
2. Stay at home and do not have any visitors until you/your child gets the test result (*please note that Birmingham is currently under local restrictions, please adhere to these as members from different households are not allowed to enter each other's homes or gardens*). Only leave home to have a test. Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get your result.
3. Inform the school of the situation straight away and keep us updated.

Test results

- If the result is **negative** and your child is well, they can return to school.
- If the student result is **positive** they must stay at home for 10 days from the onset of symptoms and household members must isolate for 14 days from the onset of symptoms.
- If a household member tests positive the child must stay at home for 14 days from the onset of the household member's symptoms

Coronavirus tests: We are aware that tests have been difficult to acquire, a few staff have had to take a test (all negative so far) and by being persistent and regularly refreshing the page new tests have become available however, this has sometimes taken several hours. Anecdotal evidence has told us that test slots are released online at 8.00pm, this could be an optimum time to check and book a slot. Please keep school updated with your progress including if you are



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struggling to get a test or to get to a test centre. Please phone on 0121 675 1305 or use the main school email address to keep us updated enquiry@kngs.co.uk

School Test Kits: You will have heard on the news that schools have some test kits. Schools were provided with 10 kits to use in very specific situations. The Government are limiting the number of these that schools can order. We are now able to order another pack of these, however we then have to wait 21 days before we can order again.

If your child is feeling well enough, they should be in school if they have:

- A runny nose, is sneezing or feeling unwell

But they don't have:

- A high temperature
- New and continuous cough as described above.
- Loss of taste or smell.

If you are at all unsure about whether to send your child to school, for the time being, please be cautious, keep them at home and give school a call to discuss your individual situation.

Kind regards

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