



25th September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Cold Weather: The temperature over the last couple of days has really dropped, this seems a long way away from the shorts and t-shirt weather we experienced last weekend!

The Government has asked schools to aid ventilation by opening doors and windows in classrooms and corridors which, even with some heating on, means many of the rooms around school are much colder than our normal working environment.

Form tutors have spoken to all students about taking a layered approach to their clothing. Although we need to maintain uniform standards, I am able to offer the following practical clothing suggestions to keep our students as warm as possible as they learn:-

- Wear a t-shirt under their school shirts; this can be long sleeved.
- Wear their PE fleece over their uniform.
- Wear tights under trousers and add a pair of black socks.

If these actions are not enough, or indeed not possible (PE kits in the wash etc), I am happy for students to wear a plain non-school uniform jumper over their uniform. If the student still feels cold, then coats will be allowed in classrooms but only in consultation with the member of staff teaching them. Please explain to your child that students **must** discuss the wearing of coats in class with their teacher. As the weather gets colder, fingerless gloves and scarves may also be worn.

We will continue to monitor the situation. Also, we have contacted the leadership unions regarding their guidance for situations when the temperature drops significantly and even the additional clothing suggestions don't help to keep our students warm. The unions have passed our query on to the Department for Education on our behalf; I will keep you updated.

COVID- 19 tests and communication with school: We are understandably experiencing an unprecedented increase in the amount of phone calls that our school office team are receiving on a daily basis, I would therefore like to ask for your assistance when communicating with the school. It would support the efficiency of the school office if, following a COVID-19 test (for which your child has been isolating), you could email a copy of the negative outcome (either for the student or a family member) to our main school email address enquiry@kngs.co.uk. This will enable us to update our records and for your child to return to school.

Should a COVID-19 test return a positive outcome, then you are obliged to let us know immediately and the required isolation period will remain in place.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mrs N Raggett - Headteacher

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