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Dear Parents and carers

Kings Norton Girls School and Sixth form plans in the event of school or local restrictions

It is absolutely wonderful to have students back in school and learning with us in classrooms. I hope your child has settled quickly into the new routines and is enjoying their time in school. Again, I need to apologise for the length of this letter but I hope you find the content useful as we move through this term. Thank you for your support of the school in these challenging times, this is very much appreciated.

This letter outlines a few changes that have been made to our current school curriculum and it signposts where you can find full curriculum details. It also provides an outline of KNGS and sixth form's response to the Government's planning for tier 2, 3, and 4 local restrictions.

Current curriculum

We understand that students encountered a range of experiences during lockdown, we are mindful of this whilst we continue to provide a challenging and relevant curriculum for all. Each subject has now considered how they will ensure that all students have the knowledge and skills they need to be successful. In some subjects, lockdown work will be revisited gradually as it is interleaved into current new learning. In lessons, links may be made to previous learning and vital units of work will be prioritised. Homework will be used to further develop understanding. For other subjects with a more skills-based curriculum, units will not be revisited but skills will be integrated into new learning.

To support your understanding of what your child is learning, a curriculum map for each subject will be available for parents on the school website early next week. Students will also be given an overview of expectations in each subject along with a weekly plan of skills or content that will be revisited through interleaving. Additional support such as one-to-one or small group tutoring may be offered for identified students later this term. This will be allocated by the school once student needs have been fully assessed.

As you are aware lessons are slightly different as staff need to stay at least 2m away from our students and it is for this reason that all students have been given mini-whiteboards and a pen for use in lessons; we would appreciate your support in ensuring that these are brought to school every day.

Year group bubble isolation: This will only take place when advised by Publish Health England/Health Protection Team, following the confirmation of a case of COVID 19 in school. A plan of delivery of work for each subject area will be available on the website early next week. Students are aware of these arrangements and some may already have lockdown work for certain subjects.

Students should follow their timetable at home. To support this, each lesson will begin on Microsoft Teams, to enable a register to be taken and for further guidance to be given. Some lessons may be taught fully by Microsoft Teams.



Microsoft Teams can be accessed on a smart phone if a student doesn't have laptop access. All students will have received training on Microsoft Teams by the end of this week. Further guidance on how to access the use of Microsoft teams from home are also in the **Remote Learning 2020-21 folder** on Studentshare.

Students who do not have IT or smart phone access, will receive a daily check in call by a member of the pastoral team.

Individual students that are self-isolating

Work will be set for students who are well but self-isolating at home. Work may be accessed via the **Remote Learning 2020-21** folder on Studentshare. Please report absence due to self-isolation as usual and this will be passed on to the students' subject teachers to cover the duration of self-isolation. In addition, if a positive test for Covid is received please ensure that this information is reported to the school immediately on 0121 675 1305.

Planning for wider local restrictions

If local restrictions and lockdowns are required then the Government will put into place one of four tiers of intervention. The following is what this will look like for all schools, and KNGS' response to this.

Please note, the Wearing of face coverings will be mandatory in corridors and communal spaces for all tiers

Students who receive **Free School Meals** will not receive vouchers but will be provided with a food pack. Information on collection time will be provided when tiers 2, 3 and 4 are in place.

The four tiers are defined as follows:-

- **Tier 1:** School remains fully open
- **Tier 2:** Secondary schools are to adopt a rota system. Vulnerable children and young people and the children of critical workers by prior arrangement will be able to access on-site attendance. Students without access to IT at home may be able to also attend school.
- **Tier 3:** Requires secondary schools to limit on-site attendance to just vulnerable children and young people, the children of critical workers by prior arrangement and selected year groups. Students without access to IT at home may be able to also attend school. At this point the Department for Education will issue operational guidance that will confirm which year groups should be prioritised.
- **Tier 4:** Goes further to limit attendance to just vulnerable children and young people and the children of critical workers by prior arrangement at all settings.

Tier 2 rota system: KNGS and Sixth Form arrangements

Students will spend two weeks out of school, two weeks in school. Our current arrangements will stay in place for those students attending school, including details specified in our risk assessment.

Students will rotate two weeks out of school, two weeks in school In the following order:-



	Phase 1	Phase 2
In school	Years 7, 9,11, 13	Years 8,10,12
Out of school	Years 8,10,12	Years 7, 9, 11,13,

Should year group lockdowns be in place, the above year grouping will be reconsidered.

Tier 2 Students in school:

- Approximately half of all students (as above).
- Critical worker children (by prior arrangement), some other students without internet access and other identified students may be asked to attend school to access their Microsoft Teams lessons.

Teaching and Learning for Tier 2 students

- Students should log on to Microsoft Teams to register for their lessons at the time on their current timetable.
- Some of this lesson may be used for independent work.
- Students may be directed to resources accessed via the **Remote Learning 2020-21** folder on Studentshare.
- All students will be given further guidance on how to use Microsoft Teams from home but further guides are also in the **Remote Learning 2020-21** folder on Studentshare.

Tier 3 Students in School

- Year groups prioritised by the DFE, school will be informed on closure.
- Critical worker children (by prior arrangement) and some other students without internet access and other identified students may be asked to work at school to access their Microsoft Teams lessons.

Tier 4 Students in school

- Students of critical workers (by prior arrangement)
- Vulnerable students.
- Students without IT access may be able to attend via invitation.

Teaching and Learning for Tier 3 and 4

- Students should log on to Microsoft Teams to register for their lessons at the time on their current timetable.
- Some of this lesson may be used for independent work.
- Students may be directed to resources accessed via the **Remote Learning 2020-21** folder on Studentshare.
- All students will be given further guidance on how to use Microsoft Teams from home but further guides are also in the **Remote Learning 2020-21** folder.

Internet Access for Remote Learning

We have already collected information about internet and computer access from home in order to ensure we know which students are not able to use Microsoft Teams for their remote learning. If your circumstances change, please ensure that this is passed onto your



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child's form tutor; this includes if you are now able to access connectivity or to report a lack of computer access. Students may let their form tutors know in person when they are in school or by email/phone call if remote learning is in place for the year group (enquiry@kngs.co.uk or 0121 675 1305).

Please rest assured that all school staff are aware of the challenges of lockdown and the recent return to school have presented. We endeavour to ensure that our offer is the very highest quality when both in school and for remote learning. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please don't hesitate to talk to a member of staff by sending your query to the main school email enquiry@kngs.co.uk

Kind regards

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