



January 2nd 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you and your children have had an enjoyable holiday and I wish you all a very happy new year. We are looking forward to welcoming all students back to school and thank you for your support over the last term and for the coming term.

The arrangements for the start of term remain as the letter sent to you at the end of last term. This letter can be found on our website [ElectronicletterheadFINAL \(kngs.co.uk\)](http://www.kngs.co.uk).

On Sunday the 2nd January I received an update from the government regarding the beginning of term.

The information I have received has four significant changes since the end of last term:

1. Even if someone has tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 90 days, they are strongly encouraged to take part in LFD testing at school or at home once they have completed their isolation period for their prior infection.
2. **Face covering should be worn in classrooms as well as communal areas.** The government say this is a short-term measure. **Unless exempt students will be expected to wear face coverings.** If you haven't already, Parents /Carers must let school know if their child is exempt and the reason for this. An email to enquiry@kngs.co.uk or a call to school is sufficient.
3. **The self-isolation period** for people who record a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 has been reduced to 7 days in most circumstances. Individuals may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. If both these test results are negative, and students do not have a high temperature, they may end their self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to school from day 8. Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.
4. **Daily testing for close contacts of COVID-19** People who are fully vaccinated, or children under 18 years and 6 months, identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, should take an LFD test every day for seven days and continue to attend school as normal, unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms at any time.

The Government update also emphasises:

- the need for children to **carry out a LFD test before attending school** (for KNKS the evening of Monday 3rd January and inform us if this is positive by emailing enquiry@kngs.co.uk and calling school on the morning of the 4th January).



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- the need for children to **have a LFD test on returning to school** (Time for each year group are on the letter linked above. please complete the permission form, <https://forms.office.com/r/J8052799uD> if you haven't already done so)
- **all staff and students to LFD test twice a week.** (please be aware that LFD tests are not due to be available in school until at least the 10th January)
- **Keep classrooms ventilated** (your child can wear their PE fleece over their uniform and wear a plain light coloured T shirt or similar under their school uniform if they feel cold)
- **Remote learning will continue for those well enough and isolating due to COVID 19.** If your child is isolating for any reason due to COVID 19 and well enough to work then they should access their lessons remotely. Students in all year groups should join each of their lessons via Microsoft teams. Teachers will give them information on the learning for that lesson. We are aware that some students do not have access to a laptop device for remote learning. If your child is isolating and requires a laptop please email enquiry@kngs.co.uk add the subject LAPTOP and you will be contacted so we can provide your child with one to use during their isolation. You will be asked to complete a user agreement and collection will be agreed.
- **Free School Meals** If your child is isolating and is eligible for free school meals, we will offer you an equivalent meal pack for the duration of the isolation. If this is accepted then it will need to be collected from the main school office on a date and time agreed and by someone who is not having to self-isolate.

Thank you again for your ongoing support.

Your sincerely.

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