

Thursday 21st May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Year 10 and 12 phased return to school from Monday 8th June 2020

I would like to provide an update regarding the re-opening of The King's CE School for Year 10 and Year 12, alongside our current and ongoing provision for vulnerable children and those of critical workers.

I am aware that the last two months have been extremely difficult for many families and we hold the whole school community in our thoughts and prayers. I thank parents for their ongoing support and our full team of staff for their hard work and commitment in setting online learning, making calls home and providing valuable reports and remote activities.

The government have now asked all secondary schools, sixth forms, and further education colleges to open from the 1st June for some face to face support with Year 10 and Year 12 pupils. To safely open for a wider group of pupils requires very careful consideration and planning so we want to share with you our current plan for a phased return for Year 10 and Year 12.

With scientific advice central to the government's decision, the Department for Education has provided additional guidance to school leaders on the steps they should take as they plan for reopening, which includes:

- Carrying out a risk assessment before opening to more children so that sensible measures can be put in place to minimise risks for both children and staff.
- Making sure that children and young people do not attend if they or a member of their household has symptoms of Coronavirus.
- Promoting regular hand washing for 20 seconds and ensuring good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it' approach.
- Cleaning more frequently to get rid of the virus on frequently touched surfaces, such as door handles, handrails, table tops, play equipment and toys.
- Minimising contact through smaller classes or group sizes and altering the environment as much as possible, such as changing the layout of classrooms.
- Reducing mixing between groups through timetable changes, such as staggered break and lunch times and by introducing staggered drop-off and collection times at different times.

We have adopted the guiding principles from the Local Authority, these are:

- Safety first
- An evidenced-informed approach
- Clear communication
- Flexible, incremental and evolving planning
- Simple and workable plans, with support from the Local Authority
- Vulnerable children remain our priority

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Phase 1 – w/b 8th and 15th June

We plan to have a phased return to reduce numbers in the building but also so we can spend quality time having individual appointments with pupil and one parent/carer (if you wish to attend). These one to one appointments would be scheduled so your son/daughter would only come into school once over the two week period. Pupils will be given a specific appointment time (30 mins) and will be expected to leave the school site immediately after their appointment. The appointments will allow us to discuss our new school systems for ensuring the highest standards of hygiene, social-distancing and safety, to talk with your child about their wellbeing and any additional support they may require and to share our plans for the next phase of in-school and remote learning. Please note that online learning will still be taking place during this time and for the remainder of the summer term.

Phase 2 – from the 22nd June to 17th July

We plan to operate a reduced timetable that fully meets safety principles so that all pupils can benefit from learning opportunities with their teachers in their range of lessons. Pupils would attend for **two days a week only** and for **two hours only** and a typical cycle is shown below. This would be repeated over the last four weeks of term to ensure that pupils receive face to face teaching in all of their examination subjects. Please note that this is subject to change dependent upon us receiving additional government guidance.

Monday 22 nd June	10K English sets	English and RE	Year 12 Option 1
Tuesday 23 rd June		Maths and Science	Year 12 Option 2
Wednesday 24 th June	10G English sets	English and RE	Year 12 Option 3
Thursday 25 th June		Maths and Science	Year 12 Option 4
Friday 26 th June	No year 10s in school		Year 12 Option 5

The government is encouraging children in the eligible year groups (Years 10 and 12) to attend, unless they are self-isolating or there are other reasons for absence (such as shielding due to health conditions). Unfortunately, it is likely siblings in different year groups, unless those siblings are children of critical workers or vulnerable children, will not be able to attend at this time. It should be noted that parents will not be fined for their children's non-attendance if they do not attend.

Parental choice is key – and you should make the decision that is right for you and your family. To that end I would ask that you complete our online survey (sent out via School Comms and on our school website, www.kingswolverhampton.co.uk). It is important we know who will be attending so we can plan effectively.

Thank you once again for your support

Yours faithfully

Mr J. Ludlow

Principal