



THE KING'S SCHOOL

GRANTHAM

SARS-COV-2 (Covid-19) update

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

I hope that you are all well. Despite the hope that the 'Fire-break' that we imposed would enable us to reopen the school, we are still receiving new reported cases of Covid-19 in several year groups. The school will have a number of staff return next week, however, there are still some staff off who have recently tested positive for Covid-19 and consequently several staff have been asked to isolate. This has resulted in an inability to provide enough staff for the safe running of the school for all year groups.

I have discussed the current number of reported cases with the Senior Team, the Governing Body and the Regional Health Protection Team. We want to provide some certainty for the last week of term to help support parents with planning. We also want to be able to open fully to all year groups in January.

It is our joint agreement that the school will remain closed to Year 8, Year 9, Year 10, Year 11, Year 12 and Year 13 from Monday 14 December until and including Friday 18 December 2020.

In light of limited cases in Year 7 we will open on Monday for Year 7 form groups Curteis, Foxe, More, Newton and School. We will also be open on Monday for any Year 11 student who has not completed their mock examinations and who is not currently required to self-isolate. The school will be open on Friday 11 December for Year 11 as previously arranged.

We are extremely sorry that we have not been able to open for more year groups and I am very aware of the strain that online lessons can cause. However, balanced against the wider infection rate in the population we are unable to reopen effectively.

For Year 7 parents who intend to isolate their son for the final week of term, while they consider the implications for seeing their relatives over the Christmas period, could you please email the school. Please use the address admin@kings.lincs.sch.uk and write 'Self Isolation' in the subject line. We will continue to provide Microsoft Teams lessons for those students. Even if your son has completed his isolation period or received a negative test result the school will be closed to all except some Year 11 students and 5 forms in Year 7. I am very aware of how frustrating this will be; however, I am very grateful that students are taking a positive approach and engaging with their Teams lessons.

If your son is currently testing or you receive a test result, please inform the school so that we can continue to monitor the situation: admin@kings.lincs.sch.uk

Vulnerable students and the students of Key Workers.

In addition to Year 11, the school will remain open for vulnerable students and students with a Key Worker parent. If your son is coming into school for this reason, can you please ensure that he has his own headphones with him as he will be accessing his Teams lessons from school. Key Workers are defined here: [Critical workers who can access schools or educational settings - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/critical-workers-who-can-access-schools-or-educational-settings). Students in school will be able to purchase meals provided by the Catering Team.

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Mental Health and Pastoral Support

The school remains committed to providing pastoral support for all students. If you have any concerns regarding your son, please contact his form tutor in the first instance. Mrs Wigham, our Mental Health and Wellbeing Lead, and the Heads of Year are also available to ensure we meet the needs of all students. If you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact Mr Dixon at Justin.Dixon@kings.lincs.sch.uk

Year 13 UCAS Applications

Mr Whales is continuing to provide feedback on personal statements and applications via Unifrog. If a student is ready to send his application to UCAS, Mr Whales will arrange a Teams call to screenshare with your son to check through the application together and to agree the final send off to UCAS. We have sent 72 applications so far with 13 students having received all 5 offers and 64 students having received at least one offer. We are also delighted to report that 11 students have been invited for Oxbridge interviews which will take place online over the next two weeks.

Thank you for your support in these challenging times.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Simon Pickett'.

Simon Pickett

Head Master