

KINGSDALE 11-19 FOUNDATION SCHOOL

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Re: A Warm Welcome Back to All Students from week beginning 8th March 2021

Dear Parents, Guardians, Carers,

Subsequent to our recent communications, I am writing to provide additional information to explain how we shall be welcoming our students back to school from week beginning Monday 8th March 2021. Please be reassured that in formulating our return to school plans at this time, we have continued to build upon the much praised and highly successful model we employed from March to December 2020. We are committed to maintaining our key objective of prioritising the health and safety of all students, staff, visitors and wider stakeholders.

We would also like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation once again, to so many parents and students for their consistent and invaluable support since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic. We especially wish to thank parents for all they have done to-date to encourage their children to engage positively with the virtual delivery of our educational provision throughout this period and to those who have volunteered their time to assist us with the provision of on-site testing for returning students.

Please be advised that our reopening proposals are underpinned by the latest DfE operational guidance which can be accessed here.

Whilst it is a mandatory national requirement that all students should return to school from next week, we shall continue to work closely with families who for specific reasons feel that their child may be unable or unready to return to school immediately without further discussion. Should this be the case please contact the Attendance Office by phone or email at attendanceoffice@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk.

The purpose of this letter is to share with parents and students our reopening plans following our exceptionally well-attended Parents' Forum meeting on Wednesday 3rd March, with the proviso that our proposals are flexible and may need to be reviewed and adapted at short notice. We realise that there is a considerable amount of information provided in this communication but feel that this is essential to ensure that parents have the necessary information to make informed decisions on behalf of their children. Please do take the time to read it carefully. Any queries arising from this letter can be emailed to covidnotification@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk for response.

1. Arrangements for the Reopening of the School from Week Beginning Monday 1st March 2021

The proposed schedule for the return of students to on-site education from week beginning Monday 1st March 2021 is provided on the next page.





















Kingsdale Foundation School Re-opening & Testing Schedule from w/b Monday 1st March 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday 07
01 Key Worker/Vulnerable Student Provision & Remote Learning in operation	02 Key Worker/Vulnerable Student Provision & Remote Learning in operation	03 Key Worker/Vulnerable Student Provision & Remote Learning in operation	04 Key Worker/Vulnerable Student Provision & Remote Learning in operation	Start of Student Testing Programme Remote Learning & Key Worker/Vulnerable Student provision only Year 12 & 13 Test 1 AM Staff Testing PM	06	
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Normal Lessons Year 9 Test 3 & HPV vaccinations AM Year 9 Test 3 & HPV vaccinations PM	23	24	25	26	27	28

Please note that on the day of Test 1, students in the year group only attend school for their allocated test and return home for remote learning subsequent to completion of the test. Students return to school for normal lessons on the day after their first scheduled test.

- As a precondition for the national reopening of secondary schools at this time, the government requires the establishment of on-site school COVID-19 asymptomatic (for students without symptoms) testing facilities. Schools must administer three tests for returning students, delivered approximately three to five days apart.
- Consequently, **from Friday 5th March 2021**, we shall be commencing our on-site asymptomatic COVID-19 testing programme for all year groups, beginning with students in Years 12 & 13 and progressing as outlined in the attached schedule.
- On the morning of Friday 5th March 2021, Year 12 & 13 live lessons will not take place and shall be replaced by independent learning tasks. These should be completed when students return home after their test in the afternoon.
- On the afternoon of Friday 5th March 2021, online live lessons for all year groups <u>will not</u> take place and will instead be replaced by independent learning tasks. This is to enable all staff to attend the school site to undertake a baseline COVID-19 test.
- Please be advised that to enable us to meet the not inconsiderable logistical challenges of conducting the required on-site mass COVID-19 testing of returning students, the return of students to school from next week will be staggered as outlined above. Please note that students will continue to access online education or attend key worker/vulnerable student provision until their year group has been tested and their return date has arrived.
- Each year group will attend the school site on a designated day prior to their return to school to undertake their first COVID-19 test in the Sports Hall. Students will be provided with a time to attend by tutor group and instructed to access the school site via the Music School entrance only. Once students have undertaken their first test, they will return home. On the day of their scheduled first test, students in that year group will not receive online lessons. Instead, teachers will set independent tasks that can be completed by the student when they are waiting for or return from their test on that day.
- Following completion of their first test, each year group will return to school on a designated day (usually the next working day) to commence on-site lessons as part of a rolling programme.
- Returning students will be provided with an induction session as part of this return process which
 will include a focus on key areas of Health & Safety, Achievement & Behaviour and Student
 Well-being.
- The school's on-site provision for key worker/vulnerable students will continue to operate during the week of 8th March 2021 but will scale down as year groups return. By Monday 15th March 2021, all year groups will have returned to on-site learning and the key worker/vulnerable student provision will have ceased to operate.
- We would ask parents to note that whilst participation in this testing programme remains voluntary, we have made the decision to do so. It is important for parents (or students themselves if aged over 16 years) to provide their consent to participate in this testing programme as soon as possible for the benefit of all students, staff and visitors on-site and to provide reassurance for stakeholders. Please be advised that as part of our risk assessment processes, it may be deemed necessary to provide adjusted or restricted arrangements for the management of students for whom consent to test has not been provided in a timely manner or at all. However, we will of course respect the wishes of parents who do not wish their child/ren to participate in the authorised school on-site COVID-19 testing arrangements.
- Please complete the consent form here if you have not already done so, only after giving consideration to the guidance previously issued. Students who have registered a positive COVID-19 test within the last 90 days, should not participate in the testing programme at this time. Please contact covidnotification@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk as soon as possible to advise us of the date of your child's latest positive test result so that we may update our records.
- We regret that at this time, the results of home-administered COVID-19 tests for students cannot be considered as part of this return to school testing programme. Students for whom home tests are currently available should still enrol in the school-based testing programme.

- Please be advised that students who are not participating in on-site testing at the school should not return to the site until the designated return date for their year group published in the schedule.
- Further details regarding the testing programme, including the date and time of individual onsite COVID-19 tests have been issued separately. Please direct any queries regarding the COVID-19 on-site testing process to our testing team via covidnotification@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk . Parents may also wish to access NHS testing guidance which can be located here.
- Should a student test positive as part of our on-site asymptomatic testing programme, they will be required to be collected by a parent or guardian and to commence a period of self-isolation as outlined in detail later in this communication.

2. Organisation of the School Day (Revised) from Monday 8th March 2021

- As with the Autumn term, students have once again been organised into year group mini-class bubbles and zoned into one designated area within the school. With some exceptions, relating to student access to specific specialist teaching rooms, students will remain in these zones for the vast majority of their time whilst at school in the Spring term 2021 and reviewed thereafter. In addition, the timetable and curriculum provision has been organised to ensure that students remain within fixed streamed or banded groups within their bubbles as much as possible and for all core subjects, particularly for students in the Lower School. However, students will rejoin new mini-bubbles for option subjects and languages classes in line with our COVID-19 protocols.
- In the vast majority of cases, students will be based in the bubbles to which they were allocated for the Autumn term 2020.
- In line with ongoing government guidance, we will continue to restrict any non-essential mixing of year groups and minimise cross-bubble contact. Areas will be thoroughly cleaned before any use by a different year group or other bubble during the day if appropriate and as necessary. Enhanced cleaning procedures are in operation, with a particular focus on the frequent cleaning of communal areas e.g. toilets, corridors etc.
- To further ensure a safe and sustainable working environment for all stakeholders and to address the feedback received from students, parents and wider stakeholders regarding the operation of the Autumn arrangements, the organisation of the school day has been revised and will follow the model shared with parents and students in January 2021.

Timing	08.30- 08.50	08.55- 09.50	09.55- 10.50	10.50- 11.45	11.45- 12.40	12.40- 13.35	13.35- 14.30	14.35- 15.25	
Group A/B (Years 7, 11, 12, 13)	Period 1 Tutor Period	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4 Lunch for Years 7 &	Period 5	Period 6 Lunch for Year 9	Period 7	Period 8	
Timing		09.05- 09.55	09.55- 10.50	10.50- 11.45	11.45- 12.40	12.40- 13.35	13.35-14.30	14.30- 15.35	15.35- 15.55
Group B/A (Years 8,9,10)		Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5 Lunch for Years 8 & 10	Period 6 Lunch for Years 12 & 13	Period 7	Period 8	Period 9 Tutor Period

Please note that this model will continue the staggered start and end times for students and permits a significant break for students in one of the three designated lunchtimes. This structure will take effect from Monday 8th March 2021 for all students as displayed below.

• As part of these arrangements, students will continue to enter and depart the school site via designated entrance points as follows:

08.30am start time (arrive from 08.15am)

- Year 7: Main Front Entrance and Music Block Entrance
- Year 11: Back Gate and Year 7 Playground
- Year 12/13: New Sixth Form Entrance at Front of School

09.05am start time (arrive from 08.50am)

- o Year 8: Front Side Entrance via Year 7 Playground
- Year 9: Back Gate and New Sixth Form Entrance
- o Year 10: Main Front Entrance and Music Block Entrance
- To accommodate the new operating times for the school day, some amendments have been made to student timetables. Where possible, we have tried to maintain as much continuity as possible but parents are advised that this has not always been feasible. Further information relating to any changes will be shared with students separately via tutors and the MS Teams online timetable no later than Monday 8th March 2021.

3. Health and Safety Considerations

- We recognise that many parents and students may be understandably concerned about the return to school at this time. This section outlines the key Health & Safety arrangements that must be followed to ensure that the site can reopen fully in a safe, sustainable and effective fashion.
- In addition, we have updated our Risk Assessment and Fire Evacuation documentation which will be shared with and made accessible to parents via our website for their reassurance in advance.
- The 'Catch-it, Bin-it, Kill-it' approach to hygiene will continue to be actively promoted throughout the school from the start of the return period. Students and staff will be encouraged to wash their hands regularly and promote the 'Catch-it, Kill-it, Bin-it' approach for any sneezes or coughs. These expectations will be reinforced regularly throughout the remainder of the academic year. Enhanced signage and information posters have been put in place across the entire school site for this purpose.
- Students should wash their hands with soap and water when arriving at school each day, when
 arriving at class, commencing their lunch break and leaving school at the end of the day.
 Alternatively, they may use hand sanitiser which will be available on arrival to school and outside
 of classrooms and designated spaces. Students are also advised to do the same on returning home
 and to have established routines for the safe storage, cleansing and isolation of school clothing
 and related items.
- The temperatures of students will continue to be taken on arrival to the main site by a no-touch infrared thermometer. Students who are identified as having a higher than normal temperature may not be allowed on the school site and would normally have their parents contacted by the school to advise and to make arrangements for collection.
- On arrival to school, students will proceed to a designated area of the school site and then directly to their lessons. **Students are not permitted to move around the school into unauthorised areas to prevent mixing of year group bubbles.** Each zonal area will continue to be allocated toilets to be used by the designated year group bubble, including for regular hand washing in line with our new hygiene protocols.
- Whilst we understand particular challenges students might face travelling to and from school at this time, we shall be raising our usual high expectations with regards to student punctuality even

further. As such, we ask that students allow additional time for travelling to school each day, including time to enable them to access their designated entry points to the school site.

- Students will be regularly reminded of the school's 'No Touching' policy and the need to maintain social distance where possible. Any direct or wilful breaches will be reported and followed up as part of the school's Achievement & Behaviour system or otherwise.
- One-way systems will continue to be in operation whilst moving around the school buildings and the wearing of face coverings will continue to be a requirement when students are moving within and across communal areas.
- Within classrooms, staff will attempt to routinely maintain 2 metre distancing from students where possible. Classrooms have been organised to ensure the maximum working distance between students themselves and students and teachers. Desks should be forward facing and students should not routinely face each other in learning situations.
- All areas of the school will receive more frequent, enhanced and specialist cleaning in line with our enhanced Risk Assessments. This will include regular deep cleaning of the site, as well as wiping down of areas and any specialist or shared equipment at the end of sessions.
- Students should bring with them to school each day an appropriate face covering (more than one will be required if using public transport) and a clear plastic bag in which to safely store face coverings. This face covering should cover the mouth and nose. A small number of temporary face coverings will be available for students who forget to bring their own face coverings to school.
- Please note that in line with government national guidance, students will be expected to wear face coverings in class where social distancing cannot be maintained. This measure will not be required in lessons where this would not be practical, e.g. physical education. Students will continue to be expected to wear face coverings in all communal areas and when moving within the school from one location to another. Face coverings do not need to be worn by students while outside, e.g. in playgrounds or while sitting down to eat and where social distancing is maintained.
- We recognise that some students may be considered officially exempt from wearing a face covering because of medical need, disability or illness. Parents of these students can request a yellow exemption lanyard by contacting attendanceoffice@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk as soon as possible. Once provided, this lanyard must be worn at all times whilst on the school site.
- Students who use public transport to travel to and from school will require an additional face covering that should be used solely whilst on public transport and be stored in a plastic sealable bag whilst the student is on site.
- Students will be regularly reminded of the correct and safe method for putting on and removing a face covering.
- Staff will ensure appropriate ventilation in teaching spaces where possible. In most cases, this will involve opening the windows and the door to ensure maximum air flow. If rooms become colder than normal as a result of this ventilation, teachers may give permission for students to wear outside coats only. Please note that under no circumstances will students be permitted to wear hats, hoodies or other prohibited non-uniform items. It has been reported that good air flow is even more important that wearing a face covering in reducing infection transmission.

• Students and other adults **must not come into the school**:

- If they have one or more coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms or if a member of their household (including someone in their support bubble or childcare bubble if they have one) has COVID-19 symptoms.
- o If they are required to quarantine having recently visited countries outside the Common Travel Area. Please click <u>here</u> for more information
- o If they have had a positive COVID-19 test

• Students must immediately <u>cease to attend school and not attend for at least 10 days from</u> the day after:

- o The start of COVID-19 symptoms
- The test date if they did not have any symptoms but have had a positive test (either a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) or Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test
- If they are confirmed as having been in contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19
- Anyone in their household or support or childcare bubble develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) or who receives a positive test result
- Students who are unwell, display symptoms of and/or test positive for COVID-19 regardless of whether they demonstrate symptoms must not attend school. Symptoms include, but are not limited to, a high temperature, a recent loss of smell (asomina) or a new continuous cough. Further information regarding COVID-19 symptoms can be accessed here. Affected students must isolate at home for a minimum of 10 days from the start of their symptoms or receipt of a positive test. Please click here for more information regarding potential symptoms and guidance on self-isolation here.
- Please note that where a student tests positive for COVID-19 but is asymptomatic (displays no obvious symptoms) and then develops symptoms within the 10-day isolation period, they must begin a new period of 10-days isolation from the first day of symptoms.
- Where symptoms develop at school, arrangements will be made for the student to leave the site as quickly as possible commensurate with our safeguarding responsibilities and with as little contact with students, colleagues or the school site as possible. In most cases, parents will be contacted to make arrangements for the student to be collected.
- In such cases, parents should arrange for the student to be tested for COVID-19 independently at the earliest opportunity; normally on the same day or as soon as possible thereafter. Further details on how to arrange a test can be accessed here.
- Where a student develops symptoms as described above or registers a positive test result, the school must be informed as soon as possible by contacting covidnotification@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk.
- Students who live in the same household or who are in the same support/childcare bubble as someone who displays COVID symptoms or who receives a positive test result for COVID-19 must not attend school. They will instead be required to isolate at home for 10 days from the start of the period that the person in their household began to display symptoms or from the date the positive result was received. Should they then start to display symptoms, they must isolate for a period of 10 days regardless of where they are within the 10-day initial period. In such situations, the school must be informed as soon as possible through the contacts outlined earlier.
- If a student tests positive, they should follow the guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection and must continue to self-isolate for at least 10 days from the onset of their symptoms and then return to school only if they do not have symptoms other than cough or loss of sense of smell/taste. This is because a cough or anosmia can last for several weeks once the infection has gone. The 10-day period starts from the day when they first became ill. If they still have a high temperature, they should keep self-isolating until their temperature returns to normal. Other members of their household should continue self-isolating for the full 10 days. Guidance on self-isolation can be accessed here.
- If a student tests negative, if they feel well and no longer have symptoms consistent with coronavirus (COVID-19), they can stop self-isolating. They could still have another virus, such as a cold or flu in which case it is still best to avoid contact with other people until they are better. Other members of their household can stop self-isolating.

- In the event of a positive test result, students will be required to engage proactively with the national Track and Trace system. This may include sharing details of recent close contacts, within the school and outside, to ensure effective control measures are put in place to prevent further spread of infection. As part of our tracking arrangements, the school will maintain records of which groups students routinely come in to contact with throughout the course of their work. Details of all visitors to the school will also be captured and retained for such purposes. More details are available here.
- The school has in place effective contingency planning in the event of the identification of multiple COVID-19 cases within the staff and/or student body within a specific timeframe or the designation of the local area as one for national intervention (local lockdown) following any substantial or significant rise in cases. Such information will be issued separately to parents as required. In the event of students or staff at the school testing positive for COVID-19, the school will continue to take direction from the appropriate authorities in regards to the next steps required.
- We recognise that a number of students may identify as being Clinically Vulnerable (CV) or Clinically Extremely Vulnerable (CEV). For students in the former group, please be advised that the government has determined that it is now sufficiently safe for them to return to on-site learning. However, we would ask that parents of students in this situation contact us via covidnotification@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk if they have any concerns regarding their child's situation. Please be reassured that we will continue to engage on a case-by-case basis with parents to provide appropriate support and reassurance.
- Students who are identified as Clinically Extremely Vulnerable (CEV) are currently required to shield and remain at home. Unless unable to do so due to illness, students would usually be required to access their normal lessons online through use of our remote platforms. We would also require parents of students in this situation to provide a copy of their child's NHS shielding instruction letter confidentially to us via covidnotification@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk only for our records.
- Parents of school age children are now eligible to order and obtain home testing kits for themselves. More information can be obtained here.
- Parents are requested not to attend the school site at this time without an appointment. Should urgent attendance at school be required, we would ask that parents contact the main Office via phone or email info@kingsdale.southwark.southwark.sch.uk so that safe arrangements can be made. Please be advised that social distancing and preventative measures are in place within all school Reception areas at this time.

4. Educational and Well-Being Provision

- Students will continue to receive the full range of subjects on-site as part of their allocated timetable and our broad and balanced curriculum offer. This encompasses option subjects, including Languages for students in Key Stage 3 and GCSE/A Level option courses for students in Years 9-13.
- Department and faculty managers will be working throughout the remainder of the Spring term with students, to effectively identify any gaps in knowledge and skills arising as a result of school lockdown.
- From week beginning Monday 8th March 2021 as students return to the school site, we shall once again be employing our 'blended learning' approach for the delivery of education, offering high-quality online provision to students, alongside classroom delivery, for those students who are physically unable to return to school at this time, e.g. those who may be isolating at home. This provision will again be delivered by means of the MS Teams platforms, with class lessons broadcast remotely to students from the classroom via webcam.
- Please be reassured that there will be a clear and organised focus on student well-being as we return to a model of full student attendance during March 2021. Additional pastoral resources

- and programmes will be delivered to support students in the re-establishment of friendships and to address any concerns that they may have. Any queries regarding student well-being can be directed to wellbeing@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk.
- Students who are remaining at home in the week of 8th March 2021 awaiting their on-site test and return dates, will continue to be able to access their usual online lessons via MS Teams.
- The school will continue to use additional catch-up funding and resources provided under the National Tutoring Programme to facilitate rapid student progress, including online Saturday and after school revision sessions. Further details have been provided separately and are available on our website here.
- In light of recent publications by Ofqual, additional information will be shared in due course with Year 11 & 13 students and parents regarding the awarding of GCSE & A Level grades for the Summer 2021 series.
- Should provision for a year group bubble be suspended as a result of confirmed cases of COVID-19 at the school, or as part of a local lockdown, the school will revert to online educational provision incorporating lessons delivered by MS Teams. Again, this will follow the model used successfully since March 2020.
- For all 'blended learning' opportunities in the 2020-21 academic year, the school will continue to work closely with families to identify any barriers to access educational provision and to provide electronic learning devices as required. Please contact the Support Team with any queries in this respect, including applications for financial support via support@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk
- During the Spring term, assemblies and larger student gatherings will not physically take place at this time and will continue to be broadcast via MS Teams and shared with students during tutor times in classrooms.
- Extra-curricular provision will recommence for students shortly after their return and will be based in bubble groups. The full schedule of provision will be published separately. Please address any queries to Mr Fatodu via housesystem@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk
- Individual music lessons will recommence from the second full week of return following the model used in the Autumn term. Students will initially receive these sessions online via Zoom in the Music School. Further details will be issued separately by Mrs Graham who can be contacted via performarts@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk
- Fixtures and sporting matches will not be played until permitted by government guidance but year-based teams will be allowed to train subject to health and safety requirements being met. All queries relating to sports provision at Kingsdale can be directed to Ms Turner/Mr McWhirter via pe@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk

5. Equipment

- Due to the zoning of year group bubbles, access to lockers will continue to be limited. As such, students will need to ensure that they bring with them the exercise books and lessons resources they will need for the day. Further details regarding arrangements for accessing lockers will be issued separately.
- Students should only bring with them the equipment that they will need for the school day but this should not be excessive. Please also note that students are not permitted to share items of personal equipment e.g. pens, pencils etc. with each other. Students will continue to have access to resources for learning within the classroom and their allocated bubble. These will be cleaned as necessary and appropriate steps taken to minimise risk.

6. Catering Arrangements

- Students should bring with them to school their own personal water bottle each day which must not be shared with any other student. Water will be provided to students throughout the day as required.
- Student lunchtimes will be staggered by year group bubble as shown in the school day table.
- Students will continue to be encouraged to bring a packed lunch with them where possible. The kitchens will be providing food for students who are eligible for Free School Meals and for those students who may otherwise wish to have a school meal. Further details on the arrangements for food have been issued separately. Students will be allocated an outside and inside space within their zone where they may go for lunch. Students will not be permitted to leave designated areas during lunchtime to prevent mixing of year group bubbles.
- The after school tuck shop will not operate until further notice and students will be expected to leave the school site as soon as possible, once their school day and/or any extra-curricular provision has ended.

7. Travelling to and from School

- Students will be encouraged wherever possible to walk or cycle to school. We have expanded our secure cycle provision extensively to accommodate increased demand. It is current national guidance that public transport should be used only if necessary. Furthermore, if our students must use public transport, they will be required to wear a separate face covering during their journey which would need to be removed and placed in a sealable plastic bag or container when they arrive at school. Students should use hand sanitiser after removing their face covering. An explanation as to how to safely put on and remove a face covering will be provided to students as part of the return to school induction process. Students using public transport should follow the safer travel guidance for passengers available here.
- Our school transport service will begin to resume from Monday 8th March 2021 as required in line with the staggered return of students. Please direct any queries regarding your child's route to schooltransportation@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk
- Parents who are planning to drive or escort their children to school are asked not to congregate at the entrances to the school and instead to drop off their children a short distance from their assigned entrance. Staff will be on duty at the entrances to the school and in the local area at key times to safely supervise student arrivals and departures.

8. Expectations for Achievement and Behaviour

- As you would expect, the school will have even higher expectations of student conduct in and around the school site during this current period.
- The school's Achievement and Behaviour Policy has been updated to reflect the importance of recognising where students are doing the right thing in abiding by the new protocols, as well as providing for appropriate sanctions in the case of breaches. This document is available on our website here.
- Full school uniform must be worn by students at all times (unless agreed in advance) in line with the latest clinical evidence regarding minimal transmission rates from such items. To facilitate effective health and safety arrangements, students will be permitted to attend school in their official Kingsdale PE kit on days when they have PE lessons on their timetable should they wish to do so.
- Please note that only official PE kit may be worn by students. Students in non-uniform or prohibited items would usually be issued with a daily detention and required to change. Where this is not possible, a period of isolation may be organised after consultation with relevant managers. An official PE kit list can be accessed here.

• There is an expectation that all students will attend school from staggered site reopening from w/b Monday 8th March 2021. However, the school will continue to engage with students and families who are reluctant to attend and exhaust every avenue prior to being compelled to potentially utilise more stringent statutory mechanisms.

We fully understand that some students will feel apprehensive about returning to school after such a long period of absence. Our pastoral teams are therefore taking particular steps to further develop our programme of well-being within the pastoral curriculum and will also provide time and space for any worries or concerns to be addressed. We want each student to be able to enjoy being back at school. Alongside this, we shall be continuing to offer enhanced counselling services and supportive therapies for our students as required. Please contact us via wellbeing@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk with any specific queries or to seek support, advice or guidance regarding your child's well-being at this time.

Everyone at Kingsdale Foundation School is looking forward to welcoming our students back. We recognise that the academic year ahead may still be subject to some interruptions and we remain entirely focused on making sure that every student continues to learn and thrive.

Yours sincerely,

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Andrew Sear