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Dear Parent/ Carer,

Re-opening Update November 2020.

This term we have re-opened Kineton High school successfully under the Government's guidance for reopening schools, and have ensured hygiene measures and a bubble system for all year groups during learning and social times. Our students have shown incredible maturity and have adapted to the new arrangements very well. I am also grateful to the staff at the school for all the efforts they have gone to in adapting to teaching in so many different rooms and our new systems.

We are regularly reviewing our structures and provision to ensure:

- Health and Safety (mitigating risk of transmission)
- We maintain a broad curriculum
- The well-being of staff and students

Further to the Prime Minister's Announcement on 31st October:

The school is fully open for all year groups and it is therefore 'business as usual' as far as possible during the four week 'lockdown'. The school will continue to ensure high standards of health and safety as well as expectations of behaviour, uniform and learning throughout this half term.

Face coverings in social areas

In order to further secure the safety of students and staff around the site, am advising you that from **Monday 9th November**, all staff and students are advised that they should wear protective face coverings in social areas. This will become mandatory.

This means that everyone should put on a face mask:

- Before leaving a classroom
- In corridors
- On entering the school buildings
- In the dining room queuing system
- In the medical room and student services

Students will be able to remove face masks when seated in the canteen or hall to eat lunch and the same applies to Sixth Formers eating lunch in the Common Room and Sixth Form Area.

It will still be voluntary to wear face masks in lessons though classrooms have been configured to avoid face to face interaction. Please note that we expect face coverings to be those that are purpose made for prevention of transmission; headscarves or snoods are not acceptable as they also contravene school uniform expectations.

Please can you inform the school using the enquiries email if your child should be exempt from this measure on 9th November. Students will have a card to keep in their blazer (some already wear a lanyard) and staff will be made aware. The government's general guidelines on wearing face masks

can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own>

In relation to face coverings in school settings: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-in-education/face-coverings-in-education>

Attendance in school

The school is fully open and students are expected to be on time and attend every day. Kineton High School is well above the National attendance figures for secondary schools this academic year, which is great news for our students as it means they are able to engage in learning in the classroom. We want this to continue as long as possible due to the uncertainty of the current situation.

Please find below a letter from Warwickshire Public Health which suggests that due to the variety of symptoms showing in children and teenagers, you should keep your child off school if they are unwell. If, after 2 days, you are certain he/she is COVID free, attendance should begin again. It is likely the school will make contact with you to check on the reason for absence and offer advice where necessary. The school will be seeking a Doctor's note if a student is off and not self-isolating due to Covid.

Remote Learning

Our current plans and procedures for any remote learning in the event of a closure or whilst students are off school for a period of time, are available on the website [here](#). This includes the academy remote learning policy and the individual guidance from departments for where self-isolating students should find the relevant work. These policies and processes are kept under review and will be updated as necessary. We will of course notify you of any significant changes.

Extra-Curricular Activities

There has been a gradual increase in after school clubs and activities. These are all in year group 'bubbles' and we take registers for tracking students. We intend to continue with these unless the Government advises otherwise.

Equipment

Please continue to ensure your child/children are suitably equipped for learning in school in order that they do not need to borrow resources. We can lend or provide if needed; please let your child's form tutor know if required.

Water dispensers

These are points of frequent contact and will be turned off for general use during the lockdown period. Please provide a filled water bottle with plenty to drink for your child/ children. Water will of course be made available to students if required. They can go to Student Services where water will be provided in urgent circumstances. Drinks can be purchased in the usual way in the Dining Room.

Road Closure

The Local Authority is undertaking major roadworks on Warwick Road and there is a road closure going in and out of Kineton at Pittern Hill. A diversion is in place and those students who are affected due to buses picking up earlier should have been informed directly. It is due to last at least two months.

Finally, thank you for all your support during these challenging times; it is much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,



H Bridge
Headteacher



Dear Parents,

As you are aware the numbers of cases of Coronavirus are increasing nationally and internationally, with the government moving to a national lockdown to reduce transmission. We are learning more about the virus and we are working hard to prevent spread whilst keeping children in school.

Coronavirus has three main symptoms; these are; a cough, loss or change in sense of smell or taste or a high temperature. When anyone displays these symptoms it is most likely a Coronavirus infection, we therefore ask you to isolate with your household, book a test, and if positive self-isolate for 10 days if you were the one who tested positive and 14 days if you are a household contact.

Before the Coronavirus pandemic we asked parents to keep their children home when they were unwell. Children will often develop colds in the winter months due to circulating illnesses and therefore other symptoms are more likely to indicate a cold. However, we have found that many children didn't display the main three signs of Coronavirus; their symptoms were a sore throat, or feeling really unwell, or muscle aches and pains. To prevent the transmission of Coronavirus this term, if your child is unwell, please keep them off school until they are feeling better. If they continue to be unwell and then develop a high temperature, loss or change in taste or smell or a new or worsening of a cough, then please self-isolate and get a Coronavirus test. Please see the flowchart for symptoms, figure 1.

Our schools are working tirelessly to maintain education provision in this crisis, please help your school. If your child is unwell, please keep them home until they are feeling better.

Signed

Public Health Warwickshire.



COVID SYMPTOMS AT HOME FLOW CHART

