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Dear Parent/Carer

Many thanks for your cooperation and assistance in helping us to complete the lateral flow testing in school. Staff at the school are looking forward to getting back to teaching face to face in classrooms and we are finalising our preparations for a full return in a 'near normal way'.

We would like to remind you of some key messages.

- Government guidance recommends that face coverings should be worn in all areas of the school except for when students are eating at social times, when outside and/ or during PE lessons. As face coverings are being worn for much longer periods of the day it is advised that when a face mask becomes damp it is replaced. Coverings should be kept in a sealable plastic bag when not being worn.
- Students will remain in their year based bubbles and tutor groups. Student will need to go to their allocated outside zone on arriving at school each day.
- Students will not be allowed inside the buildings until form tutors meet them at 8.25am outside and take them into form rooms.
- Students must wear full school uniform. Students should **not** wear hoodies and will be told to remove them when they arrive in school. Due to the need to ventilate rooms, students could wear a jumper and if necessary their coat inside.
- As we are unable to lend equipment, students must have a pencil case containing: blue/black pen, pencil, ruler, calculator, protractor, colouring pencils (if possible) and rubber. It would be helpful to also have a glue stick, highlighters and a green biro pen (these will be available for year groups).
- We will maintain our high expectations of behaviour and conduct. There will be some slight adjustments to our behaviour protocols but our expectations remain the same. The corridor card system will still operate and students will be placed in a break detention if they receive 3 signatures on their card.
- Government guidance remains very clear about the need to maintain **space, wear a mask and wash hands**. There will be hand washing/sanitising stations across the school and in classrooms. When entering or leaving a room, students should sanitize their hands. After removing or putting on a face covering students should sanitize their hands. Everyone using the buildings are expected to maintain social distancing whilst on site. There is clear signage and markings across the school, including a 'one way system'.
- Teachers and TAs will endeavour to maintain a 2-metre distance whilst teaching but this may not be possible all of the time. However, they will keep any closer distancing brief. Very precise seating plans will be used to help us if there is a need to 'track and trace'. Please remind your child that they must follow the teacher's instructions.
- If at any point in the day a young person starts to feel unwell they must inform their teacher immediately. If a young person presents with COVID related symptoms during the day you will be contacted immediately to collect them.

During their lessons, students must:

- Follow instructions of the teacher without question
- To stay in their allocated seat
- If they are stuck, they must be patient; teachers may not be able to respond immediately to questions.
- Complete their work, focus on their learning and not distract others. If the teacher feels that a student requires 'additional time' to make up for lost learning in the lesson, they will issue a break time catch up session.

School buses

- At the end of the day, students will be dismissed in year groups to allow a staggered end of the day and a calm movement to the buses.
- All transport services will be operational. Students should sit in year groups on the buses and where possible on the public buses. Facemasks must be worn on school and public transport at all times until further notice. Staff will support students boarding the buses but please remind your child to keep to their seat within year group and to use a facemask.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school email enquiries@kinetonhighschool.org.uk or your child's form tutor.

Can I remind you that attendance will be mandatory from the 9th March, where all students are expected in school. Students attending school through the CV35 school (key workers and vulnerable) will attend as normal from 8th March.

Students should remain at home only if:

- They have symptoms or have had a positive test result
- Live with someone who has symptoms or has tested positive and are a household contact
- Are a close contact of someone who has coronavirus.
- Have been confirmed as being clinically extremely vulnerable and will be shielding

It has been a very long lockdown and the students, at home or in school have coped brilliantly with all that has been asked of them. For parents we are immensely proud of your efforts in maintaining the impetus for home learning but we now hope that we are approaching the end of this very difficult period of time. We must ensure that we are still vigilant around others and maintain the mantra '**HANDS – FACE – SPACE**' in and around school and be able to call on your continued support in getting the young people back into a near normal routine and the habit of learning.

Yours sincerely



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