

2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you managed to have a good half term week despite the very inclement weather.

You will no doubt be aware by now that the Prime Minister has announced a second national lockdown to begin this Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November. It will last until early December at least. In this second lockdown nurseries, schools, colleges and universities are to stay open in the interests of children and young people's education and well-being. As per government instruction, King's School therefore expects to remain open to all students through the lockdown, unless there is further instruction issued from the government at any time.

We are awaiting updated guidance from the Department for Education which is expected later this week. We are currently working under the assumption that attendance at school will remain mandatory for all students, except those who are classed as "extremely clinically vulnerable" and will receive (or will already have received) letters from doctors to that effect.

Students needing to self-isolate at any time will be able to access their lessons remotely via Microsoft Teams, following their usual timetable, from this Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November. We will write to you again before Wednesday with further details of this provision and we are ensuring that all students understand how to access lessons from home so they are prepared for any home learning they may have to undertake.

We are assuming that bus travel will remain available to students in line with the current timetables and will notify you if we receive any information to the contrary from bus companies.

Our current control measures in school will remain in effect and it is clearly vital that all students adhere to these to help ensure the safety of our community at this very challenging time. Please ensure that students have a face mask to wear in school (and a separate face mask for bus travel if needed). Students are required to sanitise hands on entry to the school and on entry to every lesson. Sanitiser is available across the school but it is helpful if students can also carry their own supply to be used regularly through the day. Students must follow the one-way system in place in school and adhere to staff instructions at all times. We know that our students are glad to be in

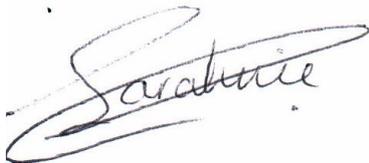
school and appreciative of staff efforts at this time and we are grateful to them for their continued co-operation and good humour.

I am afraid that we will have to continue to suspend our extra-curricular programme until further notice. We must also continue to limit the number of adults attending site and so we ask that you avoid entering the school site wherever possible. Parents' Evenings and other events will continue to run online.

I am grateful to you for all your good wishes for school staff at this time; we have a wonderful staff team and we will continue to do our utmost to ensure that your children receive a great education, and are well cared for and supported, throughout this second national lockdown.

Please be assured of my ongoing prayers for you and your loved ones through this winter and all the challenges that the pandemic is bringing.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sarah Price', written in a cursive style.

Mrs S Price  
*Headteacher*