



Thursday 13th August 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

With the end of the school holiday's fast approaching, we wanted to share with you some of the changes that have been put in place, in line with government guidelines, to ensure the safety of students, staff and parents on the return to school in September. We will be constantly reviewing the provisions in place and responding to any updated guidelines from the government as we move through the school year. May I also take this opportunity to inform you that parents will only be able to come onto the school site if they have made an appointment. Gatherings of adults at the school gates is not allowed so we will be operating a drop off, pick up policy only for students; this includes those arriving to school by car as well as by foot.

Autumn term will start on Thursday 3rd September for Years 7 and 11. The remainder of students, those in Years 8, 9 and 10, will start on Monday 7th September.

Structure of the school day

The timings of the school day will remain as normal. However, how students will be taught will change. The student body will be divided into 3 bubbles:

Year	Bubble
7	A
8 and 9	B
10 and 11	C

Each bubble will be taught within their own part of the school (zone) and will have access to their own toilet facility. Where possible, students will be kept in a 'micro bubble' within the bigger bubble.

Each bubble will only be able to enter/exit the school through the doors for their bubble:

Year 7 (Bubble A) – Reception side door (students will be shown this on their induction days on Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September. Portacabin toilets have been hired for Year 7 use only and will be situated next to this access point.

Year 8 & 9 (Bubble B) – Performing hall doors (back of stage by languages). This bubble will have use of the main school toilets only.

Year 10 & 11 (Bubble C) – Rear doors by the Science block. This Bubble will have use of the toilets in the sports hall only.

- In Years 7 and 8 students will be taught in mixed ability sets based on their Form/Tutor group. Lessons will be taught in their form room, with staff going to the form room to deliver the lesson.
- Year 9 will be taught in their Form Tutor groups as much as possible and will be taught in mixed ability groups, except for English, Maths and Science which will be set on their ability in these specific subjects.
- Years 10 and 11 will be set in line with their ability for core subjects and will follow the full range of subjects, utilising specialist rooms where needed so that they can access the full GCSE curriculum.

Break and Lunch

Break and lunch times will stay the same. However, during break 1 (10am-10:15am) Bubble A and C only will have access to the dining room to purchase snacks. Bubble B only will be able to purchase snacks from the dining room during Break 2 (11:15am-11:30am).

Access to the dining room during lunch time will be on a rota basis with all food purchased being 'grab and go'. All year groups will be directed to go to their designated bubble area to eat their lunch. The timings for access to the dining room during lunch time will be as follows:

Year/Bubble	Lunch Time	Dining room access time
Year 7 Bubble A	12:10 – 12:50	12:10 - 12:30.
Years 11 & 10 Bubble C	12:30 – 13:10	12:30 - 12:45
Year 8 & 9 Bubble B	12:30 – 13:10	12:50 - 13:05

Lunch time may need to be extended by 5 minutes for Bubble B.

Each Bubble will also have its own external space which is designated for their use only. Students from different bubbles will not be able to mix during the school day.

School Transport

Contract buses will run as normal. However, the government guidelines states that students should sit by other students within the same bubble if possible. On boarding and departing buses on school site ALL students will be expected to sanitise their hands. There will be stations available to support this.

We are working closely with Yeoman's to ensure that transport to and from school on the service bus (449) is as safe as possible. Final plans regarding this will be shared once finalised.

A question and answer sheet has also been produced to help you understand the provisions put in place to ensure Kingstone High School is safe and ready for the return of students in September.

If you have any further questions please contact the school office via email on khsadmin@kingstoneacademy.co.uk and we will do our best to respond to you in a timely manner.

Yours sincerely,

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