

2nd January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

As we all plan to return on Tuesday, you will be aware from the news this today that there a number of COVID related measures that will come into effect from next week.

Testing remains a priority. Everyone is encouraged to self-test at home before we return on Tuesday. Furthermore, all staff and students are also strongly encouraged to test twice a week using an LFD test and to report all results to the NHS and to the school.

- From Tuesday 4 January, it is being recommend that face coverings **should** be worn in **classrooms** as well as **the communal areas (e.g. changing rooms, corridors, canteen settings)**. We ask that you provide your child with their own set of **plain** face masks. We will provide any child with a temporary face masks, but you should plan for your child to have up to 2 per day (reusable) and 5 masks per day (disposable).
- Within this period of government policy, if your child repeatedly turns up for school not having a face mask then we will communicate this to you. The school may consider charging you at approximately 40 -50 pence per mask, if there is a non-legitimate reasons for not having a face mask. Please work with us on this matter for the greater good of all.
- For your reference, I have attached a short PowerPoint presentation which includes the latest guidance alongside some unapologetic reminders about standards and expectations. I will be going through this with all students next week.
- I realise that this guidance news is very close to the return date, however, I hope this gives some time for you to go out and purchase the appropriate face masks.
- The advice will be reviewed on the 26 January, in line with the review on Plan B measures. Those that are exempt should clearly identify this by wearing the exemption lanyard.

Information on the changes to the self-isolation period for individuals who test positive for COVID-19

There have been a number of changes to the guidance, so I have outlined the major changes to help everyone understand them.

Since Wednesday 22 December, the 10 day self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 has been reduced to **7 days** in most circumstances, **unless you cannot test for any reason**. Individuals may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart.

If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to your education setting from day 8.

This also applies to children under 5, with LFD testing at parental or guardian discretion.

Daily testing for close contacts of COVID-19

People who are fully vaccinated, or children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months, identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, should take an LFD test every day for seven days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms at any time. Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

Children under 5 are not being advised to take part in daily testing of close contacts. If a child under 5 is a contact of a confirmed case, they are not required to self-isolate and should not start daily testing. If they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 they should limit their contact with anyone who is at higher risk of severe illness if infected with COVID-19, and arrange to take a PCR test as soon as possible. They can continue to attend an education or childcare setting while waiting for the PCR result. If the test is positive, they should follow the stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed COVID-19 infection.

Finally, I am optimistic that these measures, and others we may have to take moving forward will ensure our students have an uninterrupted period of face-to-face learning in 2022 and beyond. Working together will aid this.

Wishing you all a happy 2022 and thank you for your ongoing support.



Bryan Erwin
Principal

The Principal's key messages to parents/carers staff and students

January 2022

Expectations and standards:

- Mobile phones can only be before entering the school site and after 3.15pm.
- Use of a mobile phone in the school day will lead to a confiscation/ parental collection.
- Hoodies are not permitted.
- One set of earrings per ear; one ring per hand. Rings and necklaces must be worn inside clothes and be removed for PE lessons/activities.
- Shirts must be tucked in.
- **Years 7-9:** Blazers must be worn. Parent/Carers do not pay for them to be stuffed in your bag or to be carried around school. Ask permission to take your blazer off if you are too hot.
- Skirts no too short – 5 cm above the knee is the minimum excepted.
- Litter – your rubbish, your responsibility. It is our school – We expect you take pride in it.

Expectations and standards: Use of face masks

- ✓ Face masks **should** be worn in shops, the library and when using public transport (buses) or shared transport (taxis, etc).
- ✓ **Inside KSCS you must use them whilst**
 - in corridors when moving between lessons
 - in the canteen
 - and in classrooms.
- ✓ **They must be plain, not have prominent logos/images and not cause offence, or, distraction.**
- ✓ Unacceptable face masks will result in the removal of the face mask and a disposable one provided.
- ✓ The government will review the use of face masks at the end of January.

✓ Acceptable



× Not acceptable

This is not exhaustive, and the school has the right to not allow specific masks inside the school.



Punctuality

- Lessons start at 8.45. You cannot be at the gate at 8.40 and be sat down to learn at 8.45...
- You need to be in school **before 8.40 am**. Gates close by this time and then you are late to lesson.
- All students need to get to your lesson promptly.
- Late to a lesson (5 minutes or more) will result in a same day after school detention.
- Being late to lessons affects your own education and future as well as potentially everyone else in your class.

- Continue to:
 - wash your hands regularly
 - Use anti-bac when entering each classroom and the canteen.

Toilets

- Art block – Years 7 and 8 only
- Performing Arts toilets Years 10 and 11
- Library toilets Year 9 only
- Humanities (block 3 upper) Post16 only
- Science and Humanities lower not be used at break time

Social areas

Break 1 and 2 part A (1st part)

Year 8
Canteen Side 1 (wet break)
Picnic area
Back of clock 2 and
Hard court area

Year 9
Canteen Side 2
Sport Hall (wet break)
back playground

Year 11
Canteen Side 2 (wet break)
Sports Foyer
Front of school and
Astro turf area

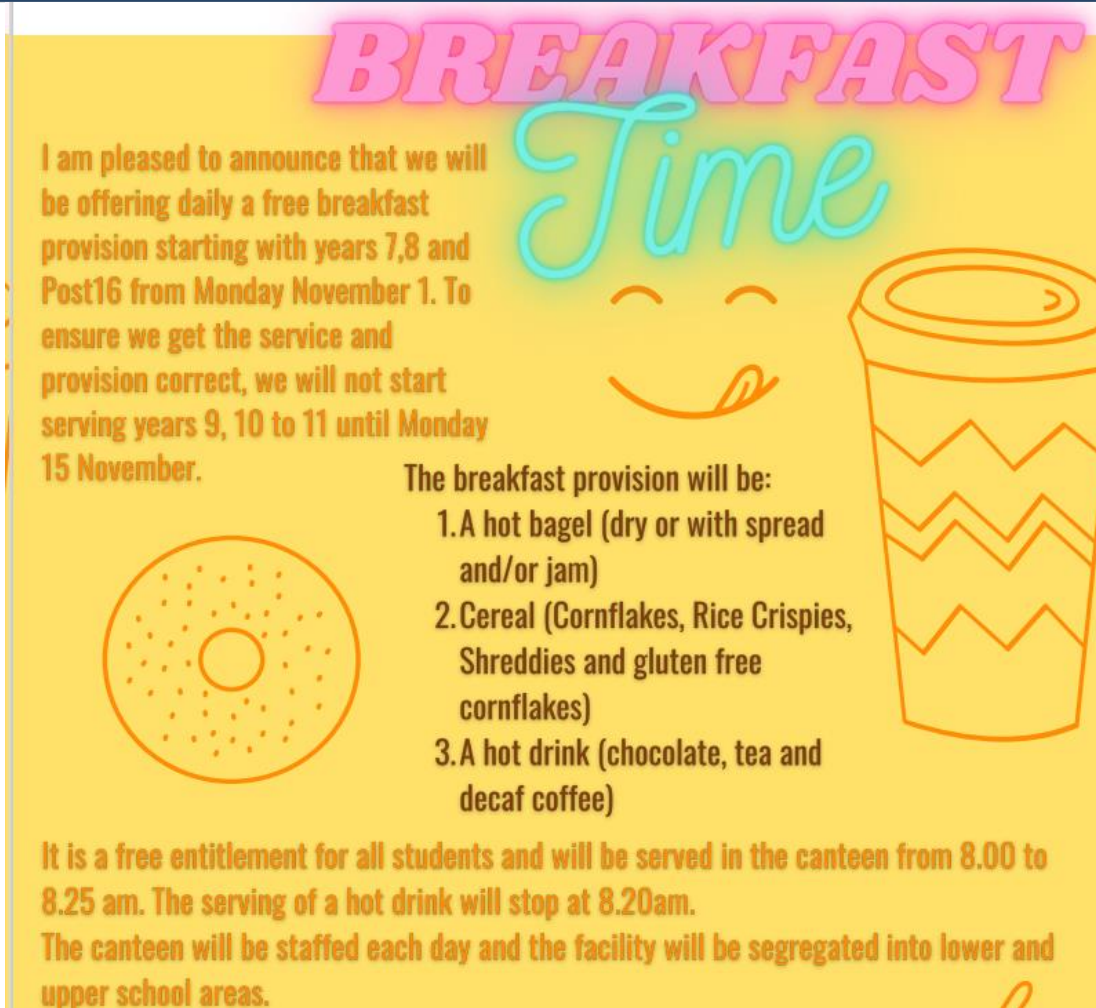
Break 1 and 2 part B (1st part)

Year 7
Canteen Side 1 (wet break)
Picnic area
back playground and
Hard court area

Year 10
Canteen Side 2 (wet break)
Picnic area
back playground and
Astro turf area

All year groups
Amphitheatre
Quiet space – no ball games
or running

Free Breakfast provision






BREAKFAST
Time

I am pleased to announce that we will be offering daily a free breakfast provision starting with years 7,8 and Post16 from Monday November 1. To ensure we get the service and provision correct, we will not start serving years 9, 10 to 11 until Monday 15 November.

The breakfast provision will be:

1. A hot bagel (dry or with spread and/or jam)
2. Cereal (Cornflakes, Rice Crispies, Shreddies and gluten free cornflakes)
3. A hot drink (chocolate, tea and decaf coffee)

It is a free entitlement for all students and will be served in the canteen from 8.00 to 8.25 am. The serving of a hot drink will stop at 8.20am. The canteen will be staffed each day and the facility will be segregated into lower and upper school areas.



Now for all year groups.
Please take up this offer

Respect

- Respect others when walking home, including walking with your bicycle, observing good health and safety when using the public roads.
- You are representing **YOUR school**. Positive behaviours always make a difference. Poor behaviour (language or actions) has a lasting negative impact.
- Members of the public do contact the school and report both positive and negative incidents.
- **Think: others can hear you speak.** Poor language between your friends is not acceptable.
- I will sanction anyone who is not acting respectfully to members of the community (residents), or, if there is poor behaviour between yourself and your friends.

Pre Public Exams Year 11, Post16 only

- Guidance has now been circulated to schools
 1. There will be at least another PPE for Year 11 and Post16 students (internal examinations) which may form a strong evidence base for your final grade.
 2. Year 11 subject virtual evening is on Wednesday 5 January. Click [here](#) to book.
 3. Post 16 subject virtual evening is on Wednesday 12 January. Booking link to follow
 4. Prepare thoroughly... 16 school weeks to any proposed examinations taking place.
 5. Detail on the content examined will be released at the end of this half term (hopefully week beg 7 Feb)
 6. Be warned no watches allowed in exams – every school has to do this.
 7. Receive feedback and ACT upon it... Take it as “I have **not yet** mastered this” rather than “I cannot do this”.