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Dear Parent/Carer,

Following recent government updated guidance for schools we can now plan with more certainty for the Autumn term. We do know that the school will look a lot more like normal from September and I'm sure that this will be positive for our students who have had a tough 16 months. This next phase is being described as 'learning to live with Covid-19' and so we will need to be alert to the situation and continue to have control measures in place.

Notices for the Summer Term / Summer Holiday

Please be aware that for the remainder of the term the Covid-19 guidelines for schools are unchanged. Therefore, all measures currently in place will stay until the new term in September.

Covid-19 Lateral Flow Testing

Lateral Flow testing is important for identifying cases in the community so please continue to do twice weekly home testing. Report results to us [here](#) and this will then take you to the NHS website. Any student with symptoms (new persistent cough, high temperature, loss of sense of smell or taste, additional symptoms could include headache, sore throat or runny nose) must self-isolate (along with all members of the household) until a negative PCR test is secured. If your child has social contact with someone who tests positive outside of school, please let us know and keep your child in isolation. Be vigilant and exercise caution when deciding to send your children to school should they be showing signs of illness.

You can order lateral flow tests for the summer holidays for free [here](#).

We retain responsibility for test and trace up to Sunday 25th July 2021 so if your child test positive on or before this date please email us on covidtest@kings-international.co.uk.

End of Term Arrangements

Please be aware that term finishes at 1pm on Wednesday 21st July. School buses have been rearranged for this time. As a thank you to the students for the way they have coped with such a challenging year, **the final half-day will also be a non-uniform day**. There will be no collection for this non-uniform day, it is a good will gesture for the students.

Free School Meals

Students who are eligible for free school meals will receive a voucher to the value of £90 for the summer holidays on Monday 19th July.

Contact during Summer holidays

A member of the senior leadership team will be on duty throughout the holidays to answer any queries via the studysupport@kings-international.co.uk email. Please be aware that this inbox will be monitored weekly.

For any urgent safeguarding concerns please contact dsl@kings-international.co.uk or if you are concerned about a child you can contact the Children's Single Point of Access on 0300 470 9100 or cspa@surreycc.gov.uk.



Notices for September 2021

Control Measures

Under the new guidance maintaining good personal hygiene (e.g., frequent handwashing and “catch it, bin it, kill it”), enhanced school cleaning and good ventilation remain important measures for controlling the spread of the virus. Our risk assessments will be updated for September to reflect the new guidance.

No Bubbles

The most significant change is the end of year group bubbles. From September schools will not be required to undertake contact tracing in the event of a case of Covid-19 and so we will no longer ask groups of students to self-isolate if they have been in close contact with a positive case. In September, any student who displays Covid-19 symptoms must not attend school.

Face Coverings

Face coverings will not be required in schools this September (nor will they be required for school buses). They will remain an option for individuals who wish to continue using them.

School Uniform

Students are expected to wear full school uniform on return in September. The PE changing facilities will become re-available, so students can change into PE kit in school, meaning students should arrive to school properly attired including school shoes. Logoed trainers are not an acceptable alternative to school shoes. Please support the school's uniform policy and be reminded that uniform or piercing violations will lead to sanctions. Your child's form tutor or Year Leader can assist you with any questions or concerns you may have in this regard. **See attached reminder of the uniform requirement.** Please note that Brenda's is asking that uniform is ordered before the 14th August to guarantee arrival by the start of term.

We continue to hold a small amount of second-hand uniform so please contact us on reception@kings-international.co.uk if you require assistance. We will be accepting uniform donations from 19th - 23rd July in the box outside main reception.

Canteen

Without the need to keep bubbles apart, students will be permitted to purchase and eat food from the canteen at break and lunch. We will continue to maintain a certain amount of grab and go food options including the snack shack.

Lockers

We can now re-instate use of school lockers. As students moving into Year 8 did not have this experience last year we will build some time into Friday 3rd September to allow them to identify where they are.

Extra-curricular clubs and trips

All clubs will be able to resume in September and will be able to mix year groups. Clubs will resume fully from the 13th September. The brand-new library which has been moved and refurbished over the Covid period will be open between 8am and 4pm every day. We have already managed to reinstate day trips with a successful Duke of Edinburgh weekend and Year 10 Geography fieldwork trip. We are already making provisional bookings for trips for all Year groups for the next year. We will wait to see the update guidance on overseas trips before reinstating Water sports, Euro Disney, German markets and skiing.

Asymptomatic Testing in September – this reflects the year group your child will be in in September

The guidance requires schools to set up our onsite testing at the beginning of the new term as students return to school. We are currently contacting our volunteers who supported us in March and I would like to give advanced warning now that this may require students to attend school briefly ahead of their first day to have a test. The provisional plan is dependent on getting enough volunteers to tests the large number of students over a short period of time.

Year group	First test	First day of lessons	2 nd test during the school day
Year 7	Details will be sent separately to incoming year 7 parents	Friday 3 rd Sept. Arrival at 8.40am main hall	Monday 6 th Sept am
Year 8	Thursday 2 nd Sept. Sports Hall 1pm to 3pm then go home	Friday 3 rd Sept. Arrival by 8.40 Drama studio	Monday 6 th Sept - pm
Year 9	Friday 3 rd Sept Sports hall 8.45am to 10.30 then go home	Monday 6 th Sept. Arrival by 8. 40 Go to tutor rooms	Tuesday 7 th Sept – period 1
Year 10	Friday 3 rd September Sports hall 11am to 12.30pm		Tuesday 7 th Sept – period 2
Year 11	Friday 3 rd September Sports hall 1pm to 3pm		Tuesday 7 th Sept – period 3

A testing schedule will be sent out for each tutor group – students will not have to be in school for the full time.

Weekly lateral flow testing

The DfE have asked schools to encourage students to continue twice weekly testing into the autumn term. They will review the continued need for testing, based on public health advice at the end of September.

And lastly...

Next week we are looking forward to acknowledging the students' achievements through celebration assemblies and awards. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish Mrs Bavin, Mrs Baines and Miss Beattie a relaxing maternity leave as they await the arrival of their new babies.

I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Catchpole, Mrs Zenonos and Mrs Bartlett for their dedication to the teaching profession and their years of service at Kings International College as they leave to enjoy retirement and new adventures.

The following staff leave us to take up new roles in other schools or new opportunities and we wish them well in their future careers. Mrs El Kommos, Mr Colgrave, and Mrs Holmes.

I wish you all a relaxed summer break.

Yours sincerely



Mrs J. Luhman
Headteacher

Uniform

School uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of the school and sets an appropriate tone. It instils pride, supports positive behaviour and discipline and encourages identity with the school. Uniform can also be useful to protect children from social pressures to dress in a particular way.

Kings has some simple conduct expectations on personal presentation. All students are expected to follow these expectations consistently and without question when on the school site:

- The school blazer is to be worn at all times unless otherwise directed by the Headteacher during the Summer Term. Students may ask to take their blazer off if they are hot in lessons, but they must leave lessons with their blazer on.
- Shirt tucked in at all times.
- Tie done up with house stripe showing below the knot.
- We encourage wearing suitable coats during cold periods. Coats may be worn in the school building but taken off as soon as entering the classroom.
- A suitable school bag large enough to carry exercise books and equipment.

Please ensure you follow the school uniform guidelines below:

All students must have:

Blue blazer with Kings logo

Plain white shirt with Kings House tie

Black trousers (not skinny/fashion/jean) or black skirt (knee length and not stretchy)

Black leather shoes with low heels (no plimsolls/canvas shoes/trainers or Vans)

Opaque black or flesh colour tights or white/black socks (no trainer socks)

Optional

Black v necked long sleeved jumper with short rib at bottom and cuffs (cannot be worn without blazer)

PE Kit – All students must have:

Sports Polo Shirt with Kings logo

PE shorts with Kings logo or skort with Kings logo

Reversible long sleeved top

White or royal blue sport socks

Trainers (not plimsolls)-must have light coloured soles

Shin Pads

Optional:

Sports rain jacket – Kings logo

Leggings

Mid Layer

Pro track pants

Uniform Supplier:

Brenda's,
130 Frimley Road,
Camberley,
GU15 2QN.
Telephone 01276 469697.
Email: shop@brendas.uk.
Website: www.brendas.co.uk

Non-acceptable items include:

“Skinny” trousers, jeans, short skirts, knee-high socks, trainers, boots or canvas shoes, hoodies.

Uniform will be constantly monitored; any additions to unacceptable wear/fashion trends will be updated on the school website. Any deviation from the uniform policy due to exceptional circumstances must be supported with a parental note stating the reason and a date when the issue will be rectified. Sanctions will be issued per the behaviour policy where this is not the case.

All students should have a complete correct change of clothes for P.E. Showers facilities are available. For reasons of hygiene and comfort students should not dress after the lesson, in clothes, which have just been worn for P.E.

All jewellery must be removed for PE.

Advice on other optional items of wear/accessories

All uniform items to be of a style commonly identifiable as school uniform wear, fashion items are not acceptable. **Hooded sweatshirts** are not an acceptable alternative to a coat.

Jewellery

For health and safety purposes the school will permit only one set of stud earrings – lower ear lobe (no loops), and a wrist watch. Persistent offenders will have jewellery confiscated which can then be collected by their parent/carer from reception.

Nails

Nail varnish/nail extensions are not permitted. Extremes of fashion relating to any item of clothing, hairstyle or appearance will not be permitted. No fashion branded clothing or accessories are permitted.

Hair

- Hair extensions are not permitted
- Colouring is only allowed if it appears natural
- No patterns or tramlines should be shaved into the hair or eyebrows
- Hair should not be shaved below a grade 1
- No undercuts
- Hair bands must be plain and only black in colour (no other hair accessories should be worn)

Make Up

A little light make-up is permitted in years 10 and 11. Acrylic nails and nail varnish are not permitted.

Body Art

Tattoos, including those that are temporary, and henna are not permitted.

The Headteacher may grant relevant exemptions from specific aspects of the uniform policy, but only where this is required as a matter of sincere religious observance and where this can be substantiated by a letter from the leader of the relevant religious community. The school's decision is final.

Items of religious significance

Some girls may choose to wear headscarves. If so, these headscarves must look conventional and understated in style.

- Headscarves must be black or navy blue.
- Pins or clips must be small, dark in colour and understated.
- There can be no decorations such as sequins or patterns.
- Material must not be too long at the front or the back so as to obscure the uniform or look untidy. At the front, headscarves material must not go below the V-neck of a jumper or equivalent. • If students choose to wear a headscarf, it must completely cover the hair.

Some boys may choose to wear a turban. If so, these turbans must look conventional and understated in style.

- Turbans must be black or navy blue.
- There can be no decorations such as sequins or patterns.

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Senior staff will be the sole arbiters of any decisions made.

In the event of persistent uniform indiscretions, a student may be sent home to rectify the issue. The school reserve the right to amend the uniform policy throughout the year.