



## KING HENRY VIII SCHOOL

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Dear parents/guardians

It is with great pleasure we set out our outline plans for the safe return of our students to face-to-face learning. As a school community the past year has been a roller coaster of experiences, we have all had to overcome challenges and for some life has been difficult. However, it is really important we celebrate what our students have achieved, what they have learnt and how we can use these skills and experiences to support them as they embark on the next stage of their learning. We know that many of our students have been working incredibly hard. They are rapidly becoming resilient, independent learners who have developed a wide range of technological skills. In fact, we could be welcoming back the most mature and skilled students we have ever had. Our aim as a school is to look **“forward to a successful future”**.

The timetable for the return of key stage 4 and key stage 5 students is as follows:

- ✓ Year 11 and 13 students **Monday 15 March**
- ✓ Year 10 and 12 students **Thursday 18 March**

Many of our protective measures and safe routines remain however in some cases these have been strengthened. Key changes are:

- ✓ Nearly all students will be expected to wear a face covering (3ply) within the school building and the classroom. Those few students that are exempt on medical/ALN grounds will be provided with a lanyard so all staff and other students are aware of this. The school has received its Welsh Government allocation of suitable face coverings and these shall be issued to students on their return.
- ✓ All students Years 10 and above will have the opportunity to participate in twice weekly voluntary Lateral Flow Device testing.

Our guidance booklet will be published later this week and sets out in detail our protective measures and safe routines. These adhere to the latest Welsh Government [operational guidance](#). As part of our induction process with students, we will revisit our safe routines plus go through any changes. Furthermore in the past week we have surveyed our students to ask them what they need in terms of wellbeing and learning support to make a successful return. Our provision shall be personalised to each year group.

Our staff shall be undertaking on-site professional learning on Friday 12 March in preparation for the return of students. There will be online learning provision however teachers will not be available on this day. Our educational on-site provision for vulnerable learners and children of critical workers will run on Friday 12 March.

The guidance booklet will also outline our expectations with regards to uniform for KS4 students. No students will be expected to wear uniform prior to Easter however as from Monday 12 April we are expecting Year 10 only to be back in full uniform. Year 11 and post 16 students will be expected to wear issued KHS lanyards.

Along with this letter is more detailed documentation regarding Lateral Flow Device (LFD) testing and associated privacy notice. We ask that all students who intend to undertake the LFD testing complete the online form link by Friday 12 March 12 noon so we can ensure we have test kits ready for distribution to Years 11 and 13 on Monday 15 March. Years 10 and 12 shall receive theirs on Thursday 18 March.

We cannot wait to have students back on site and trust we can use the time purposeful as our older students prepare for their summer assessments.

Yours faithfully,

Elspeth Lewis

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Head of school