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Dear parents and carers;

I hope that this letter finds you well. We are looking forward to welcoming students back to school after what has hopefully been a restful summer break. We wish for all students to have a positive start to the new school year and arriving prepared for learning from the first day is essential. With this in mind, please find a few reminders below.

Covid update

At present, students no longer have to wear masks and we have removed the bubbles. Students are in the process of being offered 2 rapid lateral flow tests (LFTs) in school as we try to keep everyone in our school community as safe as possible. We will continue to use hand sanitiser at the start of the day and in all classrooms and we will continue to keep rooms as ventilated as possible. Our enhanced cleaning routine will continue throughout the year.

All students will be given LFTs to take home next week and we ask that students take a test at home twice weekly. This is essential in helping us keep all of the community safe.

Students with COVID symptoms must not be sent to school. These are well publicised and include a new, repetitive cough, a high temperature and/or a loss of taste or smell. Should individual students develop these symptoms whilst at school, we will contact parents to collect them and take them for a PCR test. Students isolating should complete the lessons found on the website under the '[Students/Student Hub/Home Learning](#)' section.

Should we have a spike in cases at Kings, we may move to return some, or all of our previous safety measures around the use of face coverings and separate bubbles. We will keep parents informed should this be the case.

In order to keep our staff and students as safe as possible, I would ask that parents continue to enter the school by appointment only. Our parents' evenings will continue via our video system until half term, when we will review the current local situation.

As ever, if you have any queries, please do contact Mr McKenzie directly at a.mckenzie@kingscollegeguildford.com

Uniform

All students must arrive wearing full school 'winter' uniform (shirts and ties rather than polo tops), including black polishable shoes. Hair must be of a natural hair-colour and there are to be no visible piercings apart from a single stud in each ear. Any historic piercings *must* be replaced with a small, clear stud prior to arrival. False nails are not permitted and nails must be of natural tones. Should you require, please make use of the next three days to sort out any last-minute details to ensure your child begins the school year positively. Students who do not meet these standards will be given the opportunity to solve the issue at school (e.g. borrow shoes, remove piercings, etc.) or in rare



circumstances parents asked to collect students to resolve the issue themselves before returning to school.

Equipment

All students are required to arrive equipped for their learning from the first day, including a fully stocked pencil case and traditional school bag. Please remember that we are unable to share out equipment and, as such, pencil-cases must include as a minimum: two pens with blue or black ink, ruler, pencil and sharpener, rubber, highlighter, glue stick, scientific calculator and Science goggles. Many students also find safety scissors and Maths sets (protractor, compass, etc.) useful. New exercise books, homework planners and DART pens will be distributed on the first day back. *GCSE students must ensure to bring their current exercise books with them to continue where they left off.*

Thank you for your support in ensuring your child adheres to the standards outlined above so that they have a happy and successful start to the school year.

Yours sincerely,

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