

Kettlethorpe High School

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Dear Parent/Carer and Pupils

Following the Prime Minister's announcement over the weekend, the school has now received updated guidance from the Department for Education (DfE). This details the following recommendations:

- Pupils from Year 7-Year 11 are advised to wear masks, as are adults, in all communal spaces/area within the school building, unless they are exempt from wearing a mask. The wearing of masks is not required in classrooms.
- Pupils will be required to wear masks on public transport unless exempt from mask wearing.
- The school will revisit and prepare remote learning to support any pupil who is required to self-isolate. This is in relation to the new Covid-19 variant, Omicron.
- For other variants, the guidance is unchanged meaning close contacts are not required to self-isolate if under the age of 18 years and 6 months.
- School will not be responsible for doing any contact tracing.
- All pupils returning to school in January, who provide consent, will take a LFD test in school. This will then be followed by a second home test. School is planning how to do this and additional details will follow.
- Pupils currently in school should be taking 2 LFD tests weekly and reporting the results to the NHS website. School has plenty of tests available for collection by pupils in the pupil reception area.

As a school and wider community, we are now facing a challenging few weeks. It is important that we continue to work together to reduce any potential risk.

In school it is also very important that pupils and staff continue to use the hygiene stations in and around the building and in classrooms. Regular handwashing has to take place.

Year 11 and PPEs: The PPEs begin next week for all our Year 11 pupils. This year, they are more important than ever as they will allow teachers to assess what pupils know and can remember.

Please note that as far as all schools understand, public examinations are still being planned for by the DfE and will be taking place. Prepare well, Year 11, and show your teachers what you know and what we need to continue to work on.

To conclude, thank you for your continued support during these uncertain times.

Over the last few weeks, I have both been involved in refereeing rugby matches as well as having been at the recent England vs South Africa game at Twickenham. On the advice of one of my brothers, I am currently reading 'Legacy' by James Kerr (2013) which is an inside story about how the All Blacks Rugby Team operates and performs to such a high standard. It provides an interesting insight to their mindset and Maori culture. It includes the following:

From listening comes knowledge;
From knowledge comes understanding;
From understanding comes wisdom;
From wisdom comes wellbeing.

Good advice for any pupil or learner and especially for our Year 11.

The school will update families with any changes to the DfE guidance as it comes into school.

Have a good week.

Yours sincerely

T Griffiths
Headteacher

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clean our hands more often using soap and water as well as the hand sanitiser found in all classrooms and social spaces.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Have good respiratory hygiene habits: 'Catch it, bin it, kill it'. Use the tissues and bins provided.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Follow instructions from all adults quickly and sensibly.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not attend school and follow public health advice if we have any symptoms of coronavirus.