

Kettlethorpe High School

Standbridge Lane, Sandal, Wakefield WF2 7EL
Headteacher: Mr T Griffiths



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Dear Parent/Carer and Pupils

As you will be aware, the working protocols for Covid-19 have changed this week and the wearing of masks in lessons is no longer a requirement. From 27 January, face coverings will no longer be required to be worn in communal indoor areas in school.

We are still seeing high infection rates both for staff and pupils. It is therefore very important that we all continue to follow Covid-19 protocols and advice as well as ventilate spaces and wash our hands regularly.

In school, this week, we have struggled to staff all the timetabled lessons with school teachers and/or supply staff. This has resulted in up to four classes being taught together in the school hall.

As a result of the high rates of infection and the number of staff (20+) absent from school, a decision has been made for our **Year 8 pupils** to work remotely from home on Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th January.

The school has considered this decision carefully and taken into account current known absence for teachers and support staff. The situation has been made harder due to the difficulties in obtaining supply teachers from the local area.

All pupils in Year 8 will have remote learning for their timetabled lessons for all periods. These will be delivered through MS Teams (pupils have details). Details to follow on timings, via email.

We recognise that this is not ideal, and the school will continue to monitor the situation carefully to avoid further disruption to normal timetabled lessons.

Covid-19 vaccination clinics are now open to provide vaccinations to pupils aged between 12-15 years of age. These can be obtained at the Navigation Walk vaccination centre.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/>

The school will also be hosting NHS vaccination staff on two days in March. Details will be sent to those involved by the school.

Maths: Free webinar for parents on problem solving: Problem Solving! It is the number one area that children and parents want help with and unsurprisingly so. 50-60% of the GCSE Maths paper is made up of 'problem solving' questions. Please see link below for a free webinar: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_PzNxT3gIQdWB9G1ICJMcPg

Other News: Very well done to Freya Greensmith, a former pupil, who has just been selected for the England U18 rugby team. We wish her every success.

Thank you for your continued support at this challenging time. Do please contact school if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely

T Griffiths
Headteacher

Dates for the Diary:

- Tuesday 25 January: Year 8 – Remote learning at home
- Wednesday 26 January: Year 8 – Remote learning at home
- Monday 31 January: Additional holiday day – in lieu of Queen’s Platinum Jubilee

• Clean our hands more often using soap and water as well as the hand sanitiser found in all classrooms and social spaces.
• Have good respiratory hygiene habits: ‘Catch it, bin it, kill it’ . Use the tissues and bins provided.
• Follow instructions from all adults quickly and sensibly.
• Not attend school and follow public health advice if we have any symptoms of coronavirus.