

1 December 2021

Dear Parent/carers

RE: UPDATE Remote Education for Year 8 and 9 Students

Thank you for your continued support and understanding while staffing challenges mean that Years 8 and 9 are working on-line. Thank you to those families and students who have been in touch to give us feedback - your understanding is much appreciated.

On Monday I assured you that we would be back in touch on Wednesday to update you on the situation. The level of staff covid-related absence continues to present challenges. As you will imagine, the complexity of isolation periods starting and finishing on different days and spanning different time periods, as well as the uncertainty around whether or not staff will be well enough to return to work at the end of the isolation period, makes planning in advance, extremely difficult.

In order that students and their families, as well as teaching staff, can organise and plan as effectively as possible please note the following arrangements:

- **Years 8 and 9 will remain on remote education until the end of this week**
- **Students in years 8 and 9 will return to face to face education in school from Monday 6 December**

To support their return to school, all students in years 8 and 9 will be offered lateral flow test kits to take home to maintain regular testing (2-3 times per week).

Please also note:

- **we do not expect our staffing levels to return to a fully operational rate until Wednesday of next week and so some further adaptations and restrictions may need to be put in place at short notice**
- **we will be asking two other year groups to move to remote education at the start of next week in order that years 8 and 9 can return to face to face teaching in school**
- **all year groups who have been attending school this week will be given additional test kits to keep at home and asked to maintain regular testing**
- **the school buildings will be deep cleaned over the coming days**
- **government guidance states that all students (and staff) should wear a face covering in communal areas when in school and when travelling on public transport**

Computer and Internet Support:

A reminder that if you require technical support or if you need support with borrowing IT equipment or internet access then please email: google@wellingschool-tkat.org

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Students Eligible for Free School Meals:

All families who are usually in receipt of free school meals should have received a voucher through the post. If you have not yet received it or if you require further support then please get in touch with us.

In addition to these arrangements your child's Head of Year and Care and Guidance Assistant remain accessible by phone or email.

Safeguarding Information:

We take this opportunity to remind families of the importance of careful monitoring while students are using IT facilities and the internet. Please let us know if we can help or support in any way. If you have a concern about a child's welfare or safety then please contact us immediately through the reception or by emailing dsl@wellingschool-tkat.org

Again - thank you for your understanding and support. We are working hard to manage a difficult situation where no solution is ideal. Please assume students should return as currently planned on Monday. If this situation changes we will be in touch as soon as we know.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us if there is anything else we can do to support you or your child while they are working at home.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J Sangster', written in a cursive style.

Miss J Sangster
Deputy Headteacher