



KING'S SCHOOL

26 MAY 2020

Dear King's School Nottingham Road Parents and Guardians

RETURN-TO-SCHOOL FROM 1 JUNE 2020

This letter contains important information regarding the return of learners from 1 June 2020.

Return Date

Our approach is to apply a phased approach to resume classroom teaching and boarding. Even though we are a small school and could easily accommodate all the learners at once we have opted to be cautious in our approach. The phased approach will enable the school to effectively manage the process of learner reintegration into King's School. The following dates of learner return apply:

1 June 2020: All boarders in Grade 6, 7 and 8 return.

2 June 2020: All day scholars in Grade 6,7 and 8 return.

14 June 2020: All boarders in Grades R, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 return.

15 June 2020: All day scholars in Grades R, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 return.

Adjusted School Calendar for the rest of 2020

Term2	Term 3	Term4
2 June - 26 June [No Mid-Term Break]	6 July - 23 September [No Mid-Term Break]	5 October - 11 December [No Mid-Term Break]

The mid-term breaks will no longer be in effect to allow for sufficient school days to complete the curriculum for all the grades. Even though the National Department of Education has indicated that they will be making recommendations for a trimmed curriculum in certain grades, King's School will strive to complete the full curriculum to ensure that learners do not progress with potential knowledge gaps that may hinder their long term academic success. The June Examinations for Grade 4 to Grade 8 will be replaced by a Test series and Continues Assessment Tasks.

Winter precautions

Parents are to make sure that their children are warmly dressed for the school day. Only school uniform items are allowed. The school tracksuit and warm school padded jacket will be essentials during the winter months. A plain navy blue or black scarf will be allowed. The school beanie may be worn on very cold days.

Boarders are reminded to bring enough warm clothes for the evenings and weekends. A small

blanket for the evening prep sessions is advisable as well as warm sleeping clothes.

COVID-19 Documentation relevant to the return of learners that parents will receive

In order to facilitate the expedient return of learners to school the school will be distributing the following informative documentation to parents:

1. The (SOP) Standard Operating Procedures and other relevant documents pertaining to the SOP will be made available to all parents. The SOP aims to inform parents of the school's commitment to managing and compliance to COVID-19 regulations and we trust that you will be content that the school is well prepared to open its doors on 1 June 2020. It is important that parents study the SOP as it outlines our stringent processes to manage the health and safety of learners, staff, parents and visitors. Parents can support the school efforts by reading through the SOP and then discussing the relevant sections of content with their children before returning to school. In doing so you will have assisted the educators in their task to relay the seriousness of what our country is dealing with and to sensitise your children to the importance of following the rules and instructions of the educators. The sections directly relevant to learners in this document to pay special attention to would be:
 - a. Section 2.2
 - b. Section 5.1, 5.2, 5.4,
 - c. Section 7.1 (Whole Section)
 - d. Section 10
 - e. Section 11.1
 - f. Section 12 (Whole Section if your child is a boarder)
 - g. Section 13 (Whole Section)
2. Individualised Learner Certificate for travel purposes to school. Parents traveling from other provinces will need this document to possibly apply for a separate permit to bring their children across provincial/regional boundaries. This document must always be kept in the learner's school bag. We recommend that it is placed in a plastic sleeve to protect the document.
3. Parent commitment to screening and monitoring of COVID-19 symptoms at home. AS part of your responsibility as a parent to keep the King's family safe is to commit to the pre-screening of your children before they leave home. Please complete this document and return it to the school via email to reception@kingsschool.co.za
4. Declaration of COVID-19 status to be completed before learners return to school. Please complete this confidential document and return it to the school via email to reception@kingsschool.co.za
5. COVID-19 Indemnity Form. Parents are to complete this document and return it to the school via email to reception@kingsschool.co.za

COVID-19 General health regulations

In the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, King's School parents and learners will be required to ensure that following health and safety protocols are adhered to at all times:

- 1) Enter/exit the campus only through the designated gate at the times provided
- 2) Remain at the entry point until the required screening has been done – temperature check with infrared thermometer
- 3) Wear a mask at all times, except when eating/drinking
- 4) Adhere to physical distancing measures; remain 1.5m away from another person.
- 5) Avoid handshakes, hugs and direct contact

- 6) Adhere to the sanitisation protocols of the application of hand sanitiser at all entry points to the campus and buildings and wash hands at regular intervals throughout the day
- 7) Minimise touching the face (i.e. eyes, nose and mouth) with your hands.
- 8) Eat and drink in designated areas only
- 9) Use only the bathrooms designated

COVID-19 Additional health precautions

In light of it being winter and the traditional flu season, we urge parents to boost their children's immune system with additional multi vitamin supplements.

COVID-19 Personal items to bring to school

The prevention of any contamination within the school rests also with the learners. Learners are to please bring the following items to school:

1. Cloth Face Masks with 3 layers
 - a. It is recommended that learners have a minimum of three masks per week so that they can rotate their masks while the others are being washed.
 - b. Boarders are to bring a minimum of five masks as they will be wearing their masks for the most part of the days. Mask must be labelled with the child's name.
2. Hand sanitiser
 - a. Day Scholars
 - i. One small bottle of 70% alcohol-based hand sanitiser spray
 - b. Boarders
 - i. Four small bottles of 70% alcohol-based hand sanitiser spray
3. Cups or Water Bottles
 - a. Day scholars to bring their own water bottles that are marked with their name.
 - b. Boarders to bring their own cups and water bottles that are marked with their name.

Use of digital devices

To date the educators have been managing teaching and learning via our online Google Classroom environment. We will continue with Google Classroom even with learners at school as this will form part of our blended learning approach as mentioned in previous communications. We therefore request that learners in Grade 4 to Grade 8, that do have digital devices such as laptops, bring them to school on a daily basis. We will then be able to fully assist learners to get to grips with the finer details of using Google Classroom.

Emotional and Psychological concerns

It can be expected that learners may be nervous about returning to school combined with a healthy level of their own excitement to see their friends again. The school is well equipped to support learners during this time.

I look forward to welcoming our learners back to King's School.

Kind regards



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