

Friday 18th December 2020

### **Staggered reopening in January 2021**

**I am writing to officially notify you that Kingsmeadow School will reopen on 4 January to students in Yrs 11, 12 and 13, those children classed as vulnerable and the children of key workers. School will open to all other students from 11 January 2021.**

**As well as Yrs 11, 12 and 13, students must only be in school from 4 January 2021 if they meet the published criteria for vulnerable students, have parents who are classed as key workers and no alternative arrangement for childcare is possible. We expect this, in the main, to be lower school students. Please ensure that you register your intention to send your child in on 4 January by completing the attached form.**

Examples of these key workers include NHS staff, police and delivery drivers who need to be able to go to work. Vulnerable children include those who have a social worker and those with educational health and care plans.

All those students not in school for the week commencing 4 January will be expected to access their learning remotely via Google Classroom. Work will be set daily in line with students normal timetable as far as is possible.

As there are external exams taking place in the week commencing 11 January 2021, those students in Yrs 9 and 10 that are sitting these examinations will be expected to attend a revision day between Wednesday 6 January and Friday 8 January 2021. Detailed information will be shared on 4 Jan 2021 clearly identifying a revision timetable.

**Following recent Government announcements, Kingsmeadow School will be reviewing whether it will be possible to set up Covid - 19 lateral flow testing for staff and students in the New Year.**

The Department for Education has made it clear that offering lateral flow tests will not be possible for all schools, and that regardless of whether students can be tested or not every student will be expected to return to full time education from 11 January. There is no requirement for testing to be able to return in the New Year. Testing will remain optional to both staff and students.

Thank you in advance to parents, carers and students alike for their support during this testing time. Remember: if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next, please use **NHS 111 online**.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish you all well. Please keep checking the school website, which will be the main source of communication, throughout this period.

Domenic Volpe