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Dear Parents

The staff at King Edward VII would like to update you, keeping in line with recently published Government guidelines.

First of all we want to thank you for your full support and co-operation over the past week. As you know Government advice and guidance is changing daily and we have responded immediately.

In recent days, all staff at the college have been fully committed to organising an emergency contingency plan whilst the school is closed to most students.

We have been in contact with all 'key worker' parents. Identified students will meet a member of SLT in the main reception at 9am for the next two weeks.

All other students and staff have been instructed to work at home. Government guidance states, *'recent scientific advice on how to further limit the spread of COVID-19 is clear. If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading'*

Contacting the school and teachers:

If parents wish to contact the school please can they do so on the following number:

01530 278986

The Government recently announced that Year 11 and Year 13 examinations have been cancelled. We understand that this is an extremely distressing time for your child as it is unclear at this stage, how grades will be awarded. However, the Government have given assurances this will be addressed.

It is important that Y11 and Y13 complete any outstanding coursework as exam boards could call on this as another indicator of their final grade.

In the meantime staff will continue to upload work and lessons onto our home learning platform 'Show My Homework'. Students are expected to complete work set and email this to their teacher.

Staff and students have been directed to use school email only.

Your child has been allocated a 'virtual mentor' and contact will be made with your child on a daily basis via school email. If your child has any issues or concerns they should notify their virtual mentor via the school email system. If the virtual mentor cannot answer the question or concern it will be passed onto a relevant member of staff.

Sixth Form students have been put into 'learning groups' headed by their subject teachers. Here they can share 'specialist knowledge' in group discussions and receive feedback.

All guidance has been uploaded onto the school website www.kinged.org.uk - please check for regular updates.

Mrs Patrick CEO of Apollo will send further information later on today.

Please don't hesitate to contact the college should you need to. A member of the SLT will be available every day for the next two weeks.

Please look after each other and stay safe.

Warmest regards

All the staff at King Edward VII