

Dear Parents,

Positive Covid-19 Cases

We have had two further cases reported in 6th form. One additional in Year 12. Year 12 will continue to isolate, returning on 26th November. In addition, we have had a positive case in Year 13. This year group stayed at home today and 27 pupils have been identified to isolate, having been in contact. The other pupils in Year 13 will return today as it is safe for them to do so. Every family in year 13 has been spoken to in order to make sure the right pupils are isolating. Siblings of the isolating pupils in Year 12 and 13 should continue to come to school unless they have symptoms.

The way that we are running the school means that these year groups are kept separate from other children in the school, and so we have mitigated the risks of transmission to other pupils.

Isolating pupils

Unfortunately, a speech and language therapist who works individually with a small number of SEN pupils has tested positive. This essential work is necessary, and risk control measures are in place, but to be safe, two pupils, who were in proximity contact with the therapist before she tested positive are now isolating. No other pupils are impacted.

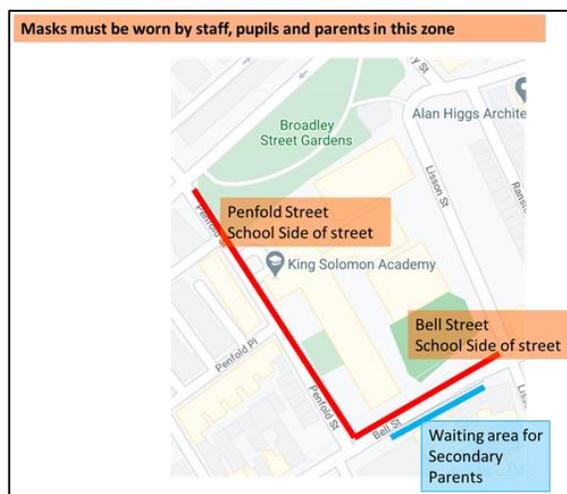
Adjustments to ensure we are as safe as possible

We have reviewed our risk assessment further and believe we can make some more adjustments to make things even safer for everyone in the school community.

1. Masks for parents, staff and secondary pupils at drop off and dismissal

At **Younger Years Site**, Parents and staff must now wear masks at arrival and dismissal, when they are on Crompton Street and the Park Place Villas drive.

At **Older Years Site**, parents, staff and secondary pupils must wear masks on Bell Street (School side) or Penfold Street (School Side) at arrival and dismissal. The diagram below shows where parents should wear masks. Parents are asked not to wait in these areas.



Secondary pupils will have this explained to them on Thursday 19th November.

2. Staff adjustments

We are making some small changes to ensure that staff are as isolated from one another as possible, including almost all meetings and training happening through the computer, rather than in larger spaces.

3. Secondary Pupils – Mandatory Masks

Face coverings have been worn in all communal areas from September. Pupils now know this expectation very clearly. It is important for them to remember, but also reasonable for us to expect them to do so. Therefore, if they are not wearing a mask they should receive a demerit, to make it clear how important this is to be safe around others.

4. Years 10, 11, 12, 13 Enrichment Suspended

For the time being, Enrichment in Years 10, 11 12 and 13 will be suspended so that we can retain staff capacity for the challenging situation where staff have to isolate. The only activities that will still occur are in Years 10 and 11:

- Triple Science
- Art
- Music
- Subject interventions/tutoring

Hopefully these plans are reassuring. If you have any questions please email parents@kingsolomonacademy.org.

Yours sincerely,

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Principal