



Kingsmead School



A PARTNER ACADEMY IN JOHN TAYLOR MAT

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RESILIENT



INNOVATIVE



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EMPLOYABLE



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Dear parents and carers,

We hope that you and your families are well. It is a pleasure to keep hearing through our social media how our students are getting on and we honestly can't wait to have them all safely back in school. We are looking forward to building on the 99% student engagement online last week to 100% this week.

You will know, as a parent of the school, the value we place on reading. Regular and varied reading has been consistently shown in Sutton Trust research to be beneficial for all aspects of a student's learning and wellbeing. At Kingsmead we are conscious that we wish to maintain our students' access to our library books during lockdown in a safe way.

Collecting Additional Physical Supplies

We are creating two covid-secure slots within the school week for students to collect physical resources to supplement online learning. We are aware that some students may be finishing library books, or others who may want to take part in the 'garden competition' and collect some bulbs from school.

In addition, we know that there are certain subjects and circumstances where a physical notepad is useful, for example, in Mathematics we use a number of computer programmes to support student learning, however working out the sum is sometimes easier on paper.

These collection sessions will only take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays and will run from 10.30am to 12.30pm. We would ask the student/parent collecting the resources to observe social distancing and covid-safe guidance. The materials will be distributed from the canteen. Please come into school via the main entrance and follow the signs from outside reception to the rear door of the canteen. Follow the one-way system out of the side door of the canteen and back to the car park at the front of school. There will be a member of staff present to support you if you need assistance.

Extra-curricular Opportunities

We are really excited by our plans for extra-curricular activities, which will extend and challenge learning beyond the classroom. We know how important it is for students to have skills that will enable them to be successful in the world of work. A timetable of those activities running during the lockdown are attached with this letter.

Kingsmead works with many universities, businesses and training providers and this continues during the lockdown. We are now adding an event in each year group to develop the school's learning values (resilience, innovation, mindfulness and employability) over the next term, targeted at some of the more able. They will get a chance to work in groups to problem-solve and present their ideas. More information showing details about the activities is shared on our website under "Careers". If this programme is successful, we aim to roll this out to more students as the year goes on

Thank you once again for your continued support, if you ever need any help with blended learning at home please do not hesitate to contact us. If you are pleased with what we are doing, please support your local school by letting Ofsted know at [Welcome to Ofsted Parent View | Ofsted Parent View](#).

Thanks and best wishes,

Maria Mincher
Head of School

