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Dear Parents and Carers,

Face Coverings

Thank you to all those parents and carers who are wearing face coverings on the school premises and in the queue outside. Thank you, too, for improved social distancing as you pass through the school grounds. We will be adding further lines on the ground to support this, as we can still improve further. If you need a face covering and are unable to purchase one, please email the school office on admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org and we will be able to provide you with one in the coming days. Many thanks to Sewing 4 Kingston for supporting us with this.

Lateness

Please ensure you drop your child/children in the correct timeslot. We have increasing numbers of parents and carers arriving in time slots later than their allocated time. This increases the risk for everyone and also means your child is missing the beginning of their day's learning as staff are expecting them in at their set time. We have attached timings again for your information.

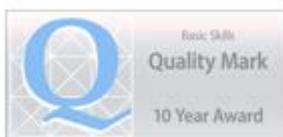
Please be on time. We are unable to staff the movement of the significant number of children arriving beyond their timeslot each day. We will speak to you individually to resolve this, if it continues. This is particularly essential for Nursery and Reception who are dropped off at 8.30am and 8.35am respectively. If your child is absent for any reason please contact the school before 8.30am so that staff are not waiting outside for your child.

Coats

Please ensure your child has a named school sweatshirt/cardigan and named waterproof coat every day, whatever the weather. The doors and windows in classrooms are open all day and children will play outside even if it is lightly raining. Children will also be lined up outside at the end of the day in **all** weathers. Please leave children's umbrellas at home or take them back home with you as we are unable to store these in school.

Handwashing

We have had a number of parents and carers asking about our handwashing products and raising concerns about sore, dry skin. This is a really important issue for us, too, as the children wash their hands many times a day. We are using Carex antibacterial soap across the school. This is the product we used during lockdown when the school was partially open. We had no issues during this time. At the start of term, however, an alternative but similar product was used that we all found dried our skin. This has now been taken out of circulation. In addition, we are purchasing a bottle of E45 Junior moisturising lotion for each classroom to support children whose skin is exceptionally dry. As you can imagine, with over 450 pupils, we are unable to manage children having their own soap or moisturiser unless this relates to a specific medical condition with an



accompanying doctor's note. We have taken advice from the School Health Team to ensure the products selected are suitable for all. We will not be routinely using the E45 Junior lotion - only if a child is experiencing incredibly dry hands. Please complete the Google form here to give permission for your child to use E45 Junior lotion in school:

<https://forms.gle/Jp1aNFsdzVmp3GfA8>

Test and Trace

Following the launch of the NHS Test and Trace app this week, we know that many families will have downloaded, or plan to download, it onto their smartphones. Please consider that your time in our queue and travelling the one way loop may total 15 minutes or more and therefore we remind you to please ensure you try to keep 2 metres from all other adults, including staff, at all times (only one adult from each household should be attending the school site) to reduce the possibility of alerts to self-isolate should we have any positive cases within our community. The app is not designed for use by children under the age of 16 and therefore we do not expect any of the children who bring their mobile phone to school to have the app. However, should the app be on their phone for whatever reason, please ensure that the tracing function is disabled for the entire time the phone is in school. This is because the phones are held centrally, rather than with the individual child, and so any tracing data would be inaccurate and could result in false alerts to isolate.

School Timings

Drop off	Year Group	Details	Pick up time
8:30am	AM Nursery	All Nursery children, including 2 year olds	11:30 am
8:35am	Reception	All Reception children	Kusama 2:55pm
			Nelson 3:00pm
8:40am	Year 6	All Year 6	3:05pm
8:45am	Siblings in Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	Families with siblings Surnames A - L ONLY Families with more than one child anywhere in the school, including those who have already dropped EYFS and/or Year 6 siblings.	3:10pm
8:50am	Siblings in Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	Families with siblings Surnames M - Z ONLY Families with more than one child anywhere in the school, including those who have already dropped EYFS and/or Year 6 siblings.	3:15pm
8:55am	Years 2, 4	All families with one child at the school in Years 2 and 4.	3:20pm
9.00am	Years 1, 3, 5	All families with one child at the school in Years 1,3,5.	3.25pm
12:30pm	PM Nursery	All Nursery children, including 2 year olds	3:30pm

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,



Emily Newton

Headteacher