



KING JAMES'S SCHOOL

KNARESBOROUGH

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Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the end of the first half term I wanted to write to you to highlight a couple of changes which will come into force after the October break. Before I do that I would like to thank you for your continued support during what has been a challenging start to the year.

We are adapting systems and making changes on a daily/weekly basis to ensure we are able to keep things in school as 'normal' as possible. I have to say a huge amount of credit must go to the students who have adapted where necessary and taken a mature and responsible approach to the challenges. The Sixth Form team and all the teachers delivering Sixth Form lessons have also done a fantastic job to support students back into school and academic life.

We are continually evaluating our position with regards to Covid-19 whilst trying to ensure we get the balance right between mitigating the risk and ensuring normal lessons continue. With that in mind, we have decided that it would be prudent to make some slight changes as we approach what is likely to be a challenging autumn and winter period.

The following changes will be in place from Monday 2 November:

- Sixth Form students will only need to attend morning registration if they have a lesson or private study period before break (period 1 or period 2). If a student has a lesson or private study after break they are only required to come into school for that lesson.
- We will encourage students to leave the school site where possible when they do not have a lesson or private study.
- We strongly recommend that students wear a face mask in the Sixth Form common room and whilst moving around the Sixth Form building.

To ensure that students do not miss out on important messages and pastoral support it is vital that they regularly access their school emails and read the Sixth Form bulletin, which is produced daily. We will also make any resources shared during registration or assembly presentations available through Itslearning. Students must ensure they access these resources and take responsibility for any action they need to take. **Please note, where a member of the Sixth Form team or teaching staff require to meet with a student we may request that they come into school in the morning or other times when they do not have a lesson or private study.**

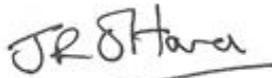
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I am aware that for some students, e.g. those who travel a long distance to school, travel with siblings or use the school transport, it might not be possible for them to only attend school for lessons or private study. My hope is that if enough students can do this it will help to bring the student numbers down within the Sixth Form bubble and help make social distancing easier for those in school.

I hope you can understand and appreciate why we are making these changes and I thank you in advance for your support around implementing them at this challenging time. We will continually review the situation and I will be in touch again if we feel any further changes are required.

If you do have any questions about this please email sixthform@king-james.n-yorks.sch.uk.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "JOH O'HARA". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

John O'Hara
Director of Sixth Form