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Dear families,

Just a short letter to welcome you back to this school year, and to welcome any new families who have joined KTS this September. We hope we have a safe, successful year, and your child enjoys their time with us, learning through their many experiences here at school.

For existing families, thank you for your support and understanding over the past year. I hope we have been able to provide some support for you and your child, in whatever way we could during the year, and we will continue to do so in the coming terms.

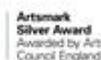
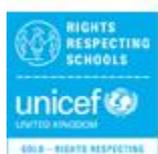
We have again revised our school risk assessment to ensure we are doing all we can to make school as safe as we can. This can be found on the website (kts-academy.org.uk), or a hard copy can be sent if you wish to request one.

To summarise the risk assessment:

What we are doing to keep safe:

- Children and staff remaining in class 'bubbles' and avoiding mixing with other children outside their bubbles as much as possible. There is some mixing on transport, lunches and playtime, but this will mainly occur outside.
- Limiting movement around the school, including movement between site buildings.
- Promoting social distancing amongst staff as much as we are able, whilst still maintaining appropriate staffing levels.
- Increased ventilation throughout the whole school
- Face coverings for staff and visitors when accessing communal spaces away from their 'bubble'.
- Enhanced hand washing, cleaning of surfaces, PPE availability.
- Lateral flow testing of all staff and some students twice a week.
- Most staff have been doubly vaccinated.
- Engaging with the NHS Track and Trace process and following PHE advice as required.

We continue to follow Track and Trace protocols. However, if a class member tests positive, the rest of the class group will not have to isolate unless they display symptoms. We do encourage daily lateral flow testing, though, for any close contacts or class members, to ensure there are no additional positive cases within school. School is able to provide testing



kits as requested.

There is revised guidance if a family member tests positive in the family home. Should this be the case, please test all family members, including your children, daily to ensure they remain safe to come into school. Any signs of illness or symptoms, please get a PCR test to confirm, remaining at home until the result comes through. If you are unable to test your child, we ask that you keep the child at home until the end of the positive person's isolation.

Can I please stress, if your child shows any signs of illness, please continue to keep them away from school and test if possible. If school is concerned your child is unwell or displaying symptoms, we will be requesting for your child to be collected immediately and get tested. We need to do all we can to continue to keep school as safe as possible.

We hope this year will be a good one, and by following the above precautions, a safe one. We appreciate all that is being done by our families and staff to keep each other safe, and I thank you once again for your support.

Keep safe,

Brian

