



THE
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SCHOOL

Form 1 2020 Booklists/Uniform & updates email

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Dear Parent & Guardian

I hope this email finds you all well and that your family is enjoying the easing of many Covid-19 restrictions.

Booklists/Uniform

We have uploaded the booklists to our website now but you can also find it attached here as a pdf. Our uniform supplier, [Uniformity.ie](https://www.uniformity.ie), has updated their website with a pdf guide of required uniform and sportswear with a size guide. and you can purchase all these items directly from their website. Please check [Uniformity.ie](https://www.uniformity.ie) for Covid-19 protocols if you wish to visit their shop. The school jacket and blazer are required items for all students. School shirts, shoes and trousers can be purchased at any clothing retailer but must match the colours stated in the [Uniform Code](#).

End of June email

As previously mentioned we are working on an A-Z guide of all things KH that will be emailed as a pdf at the end of June. This booklet will also contain links to more detailed information and forms that can be found on the school website.

In lieu of the posted large format Medical Information Booklet we will be emailing a link to a truncated version that you fill out promptly and goes direct to the nurses. This short form will ask only for information that is helpful for the medical, houseperson, well-being or catering teams to be aware of in advance. They may then wish to contact you for further information. The longer Medical booklet will still need to be completed in September.

Reopening protocols

We hope to receive updated information soon from the DES on protocols for reopening school, that will go into further detail on their [Framework](#), announced last Friday. We are already working on ways to reopen school safely for students and staff but await further guidance on social distancing protocols before we can issue an update.

SEN

If you have not already been in contact with our SEN department and your child has an identified education need, please email [Yvonne Mahady](mailto:Yvonne.Mahady@kingshospital.org) before the end of June. Yvonne will arrange a zoom with SEN students and parents in August, to detail what resources will be available.

Transitioning to Secondary School

KH is a partner school for the [Belonging Plus+ Programme](#), which takes account of the social, emotional and personal aspects of transition, as well as the learning and thinking skills needed at post primary. This programme, originally designed for SEN students, has proven to be beneficial to all Form 1 students. The Modules covered by class tutors from the start of school are:

- Homework and study skills: Expectations, Honest effort.
- Coping with change: Stress management, Dealing with Anxiety, Optimistic Thinking.



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- Finding my way around: Who's who of staff, Team challenge- the physical school building, Meet the SNAs.
- Making New Friends: Forming new relationships.
- Being safe in school: Bullying, Healthy eating.
- Textbook Usage: New subjects and thinking skills.

Each student is provided with an interactive "Belonging Plus+" booklet to support the settling in process. Furthermore, the booklet is used throughout the year on a needs basis during class tutor time.

We will also be preparing some virtual tours and introduction to key staff videos for parents and students in August, to ease the transition to school, should an in-school meeting not be possible. We will also arrange zooms by class with your child's tutor, in advance of the start date.

In the meantime, this [YouTube video](#) of our Form 1 student's experience settling in should give you an idea of what to expect at school. We have also added many videos to our YouTube channel '[The King's Hospital School Official](#)', including a video prospectus and our Chaplain's bike ride around the school campus.

Scholarship exam

This will not take place until the students have begun school and will be guided by reopening protocols.

CTYI (Centre for Talented Youth Ireland)

CTYI runs weekly classes and summer camps for academically gifted children at various centres throughout Ireland. This summer due to Covid-19 they are running 1 hour online zoom classes only and waiving the assessment normally required to attend their classes. Online classes (for the class your child is currently in) will run daily for one week at a time over the summer beginning June 22nd to the week of July 27th. You can sign up for as many classes in the day as you want. Download the brochure [here](#) or click to the [CTYI](#) website.

Parent Contact Sheet

The parent contact sheet has been sent to all of you who filled out the Survey Monkey. If you missed the deadline but still wish to be included please email us your Name, Child's name, street or towns land, town and county along with email for one or both parents, and we will send out a revised contact sheet at the end of June. Deadline is this Friday, June 19th.

We will be in contact with you again at the end of June but please do not hesitate to contact Michelle Foley or myself throughout the summer with any additional questions you might have. We appreciate that this has been a very abrupt end to your child's Primary education, while perhaps dealing with other Covid-related issues at home, and we hope to support them as best we can to make a positive transition to secondary school.

Yours,

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