



Dear Parents and Carers,

4th September 2020

WELCOME BACK: It is wonderful to have all of the children back at school and to have the corridors filled with children's voices again – we have missed them! The school day is quite different to what the children are used to, and they are coping well with the new restrictions. There are no assemblies or coming together in large groups, breaktimes and lunchtimes are staggered, each class has their own designated area to play in and there is a one-way system operating around the school. At times, staff are wearing masks and full PPE and as lot of time is spent washing hands. Despite all of this, the children are doing what children do best – just getting on with it!

ABUSE TO STAFF: These are challenging and difficult times for everyone and the staff at KMS are doing their very best to keep the children safe. Whilst we appreciate that the new way of operating may be frustrating for parents, we ask that staff are treated with respect. It is unacceptable to be rude or abusive towards them and this behaviour will not be tolerated by the school. Thank you.

DATES FOR THE TERM: When I sat down last weekend to prepare the dates for the term ahead, as I always do at the end of the holidays, I was saddened to realise that this list was not necessary at the moment. We cannot offer all of the things that make KMS such a special place to be: there will be no Harvest Celebration, International Week, Class Assemblies, Y6 Residential, Spelling and Maths Bees, Celebration Afternoon Tea, Nativities, Carol Concerts, Maths Whizz and Reading Champion treats etc. We cannot run anything that involves more than one bubble. I am ever the optimist, however, and I am hoping that restrictions on indoor gatherings may be relaxed as we move forward and that we will be able to offer some of the afore mentioned events. Finger crossed!

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB: Breakfast and After School Club will be reopening on Monday. The children will be organised into year group bubbles and there will be no mixing across the bubbles. As in other parts of the school, the resources will be more limited than pre COVID19, but the staff will ensure that the children have fun. Parents will need to drop off and collect at the **park gate** and there will be 3 morning drop off times and 4 evening collection times when the gate will be manned by a member of staff. These are:

MORNING: 7.30AM, 7.50AM and 8.10AM (no admittance after this time)

EVENING: 4.30PM, 5PM, 5.30PM and 6PM (late collection will incur the usual fine)

For those attending the After-School Club please notify the school office of the collection time you would like. Please note that the gate will not be manned, and children will not be able to be dropped off or collected, at any other times.

PE DAYS: Here are the days when your child will be having PE. Please send them in to school on PE days in their kits. Thank you.

- Year 1 – Kingfisher: Monday and Friday
Puffin: Wednesday and Friday
- Year 2 - Thursday and Friday
- Year 3 - Thursday and Friday
- Year 4 - Monday and Wednesday
- Year 5 - Tuesday and Wednesday
- Year 6 - Tuesday and Thursday

PTA NEWS: The PTA would like to welcome everyone back to school. At this time, we won't be holding any events, but our AGM is scheduled for Wednesday 9th September 2020 at 8pm and, due to the current situation, will be a virtual meeting. This meeting is open to everyone. If you would like to join us please email the PTA at kingsmeadowschoolpta@gmail.com and we will add you to the list. If you are interested in joining us either volunteering or as a committee member please contact us for more information. Mrs Nash PTA Chair

TAPESTRY: Please could all Reception parents make sure they have activated their Tapestry account and have a look at Tapestry on a weekly if not a daily basis. Thank you. K Rainer FSU leader

POLITE REMINDER: Please only come to the gates to drop off or pick up your children at the allocated times, please leave the vicinity of the school as soon as possible and please adhere to social distancing guidelines whilst waiting outside of the school.

THANK YOU: Thank you to all of you who have emailed into the school or who have spoken to me or others members of staff at the gates to offer your appreciation of the hard work that has gone into the reopening of KMS. These are difficult times for us all and your kind comments and encouraging emails have made us all feel supported and valued. Thank you.

PERMISSION FORMS: We have now sent out the annual student update and permission forms to all year groups. Please look out for them in your child's book bag today if you have not already received yours. Please update any information that may have changed and return these to school by Wednesday 9th September 2020.

Have a good weekend



Mrs L Daulton

Headteacher