



Dear parents and carers

It has been lovely to welcome our new Reception and Nursery children into school. They have made a very good start and are settling in beautifully. We also have a few new children starting this term. Your children really are so friendly and welcoming to any new children.

Best wishes

Liz Hayward, Headteacher
Headteacher

Our new Nursery children having a fantastic time in their first week!



Kingsgate Primary School Awarded Primary Science Quality Mark

The prestigious **Primary Science Quality Mark** has been awarded to us to celebrate our commitment to excellence in science teaching and learning.

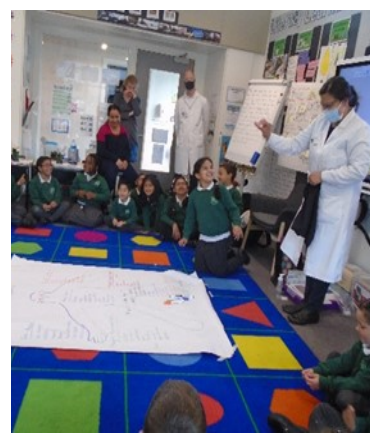
Schools that achieve PSQM demonstrate commitment and expertise in science leadership, teaching and learning.

The Primary Science Quality Mark is led by the University of Hertfordshire, School of Education in collaboration with the Primary Science Teaching Trust.

Associate Professor Jane Turner, PSQM National Director said: *"There was never a more important time for primary children to have a high-quality science education. The Coronavirus Pandemic has made everyone aware of the impact of science on our daily lives. Primary schools have an important role to ensure that children understand how science works and keeps us healthy and safe. Schools that have achieved a Primary Science Quality Mark have demonstrated a significant commitment to science teaching and learning, even at this challenging time for schools. The profile and quality of science in each awarded school is very high. Children are engaging with great science both in and outside the classroom, developing positive attitudes towards science as well as secure scientific understanding and skills. Science subject leaders, their colleagues, head teachers, children, parents and governors should be very proud."*



Children learning science at Kingsgate....



<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/> is a great place for parents and carers to get help in keeping children safe online. Follow the link to find out how set parental controls.

Children arriving late

PLEASE BE ON TIME FOR SCHOOL. TRAFFIC IS ALWAYS HEAVY AND BUSES ARE OFTEN LATE!

KS2 arrival time is 8.20

EYFS KS1 arrival time is 8.50

The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)

a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)

a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

What to do if your child develops symptoms of coronavirus

1. If your child is showing one or more symptoms of coronavirus, they should not attend school and you must arrange a PCR test for your child.
2. If your child receives a positive test result, they must not attend school for the specified period that NHS Test and Trace advises
3. From 16th August, children are no longer required to automatically self-isolate if they are identified as a close contact of a positive Covid19 case. This means that whole classes will not be sent home to isolate any longer. Instead, you may be advised by NHS Test and Trace to take your child for a PCR test if they have been deemed to be in close contact with a positive case

The latest Government guidance 'What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges' can be viewed via this link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/whatparents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-yearsproviders-schools-and-colleges-during-thecoronavirus-covid-19->

Dates for your diary

Please book your phone call with you child's teacher. We emailed you a link.

Monday 27th September—INSET day. School closed for staff training.

Friday 22nd October —INSET day. School closed for parent teacher meetings (phone calls)

Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October— School closed for half term

