



Kingsgate Primary School Newsletter

Friday 9 September 2022

Dear parents and carers

It was lovely to welcome you all back to school. Thank you for helping us keep the beginning and end of the day so calm and orderly.

The children have had a very good first week back. They came back smiling and looking smart in their uniforms. They got straight back into our school routines after the summer break and are working hard in their lessons.

Best wishes
Liz Hayward
Headteacher

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE—HIGH EXPECTATIONS

The great work that we do in getting children to achieve high standards begins with having children in classrooms with their teachers. So attendance has to be the top priority. We listen to families and children, we understand and empathise – but we are still consistent in our expectations. We expect children to be in school every day. This shows how much we care about your children.

What are our expectations?

100% attendance = excellent

94% attendance = not satisfactory

89% attendance = very poor

Parents and carers are responsible for ensuring that your children attend school every day

It is your child’s right to attend school every day

The school is not going to authorise a holiday or visit abroad in term time

Parents can become upset and angry when you receive a letter to say your child’s attendance is not as good as it should be— particularly if this is the first time anyone has ever told you this .

How does missing school affect your child’s chances of future success?

Every extra day missed gives children a lower chance of achieving 5 or more good GCSEs or equivalent at grades A* to C including in English and mathematics .

Helping you to get your child to school every day

Talk to us if you are struggling. We will help you whenever we can.



Back to school!



Up to date phone numbers if there is an emergency

Please give the office your up to date mobile number. We need to be able to contact you if your child has an accident during the school day.

If possible we would like 2 other contact numbers to call if we cannot contact you. These could be family members or friends.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 13th September School website information session at 9am in EYFS/KS1

Tuesday 20th September Parenting taster session and enrolment at 9am in KS2

Wednesday 14th September Arts and Crafts workshops for all parents and carers 9am to 11am in EYFS/KS1

Thursday 22nd September English class for all parents and carers every Thursday and Friday from 9.15 to 11.00 in KS2

Thursday 29th September Meeting for Year 6 parents (SATS and applying to secondary school)

2.30pm-3.00pm in the Key Stage 2 double hall OR

7.00pm-7.30pm via zoom using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85476987859>

Friday 23rd September INSET day. School closed for parent teacher meetings

Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October School closed for half term



Moving On to Secondary School event – 28 September

Find out more about how to apply to Camden secondary schools and the admissions process at our Moving On event for parents of Year 5 and Year 6 pupils at Arlington House, Camden Town, on Wednesday 28 September, from 4pm to 6.30pm.

After school clubs

After school clubs start on Monday 12th September

KS1 3.30-4.30

KS2 3.00-4.00

We still have spaces in some clubs so sign up using SCOPAY on our website.

(If you need some financial help with after school clubs, please let the office know).

Free nearly new school uniform—save the environment by not buying brand new!

We have some newly washed uniform in perfect condition. If you would like some uniform please let the office or Homa know.

Medicine

If your child is well enough to be in school but needs prescribed medication (for example, antibiotics) please contact the office and we can give your child their medicine with your permission.

Deadline for secondary school applications—for parents and carers of children in Y6

31st October 2022. Email the office to ask for help with the online application, if you need it.

DFE advice (July 2022) Should my child still go to their childcare or education setting if they test positive for Covid?

No. Anyone with a positive COVID-19 test result is advised to try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for five days, which is when they are most infectious. **For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice is three days.**