



Newsletter

Friday 29th January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you all for all you have done this week with regards to home learning. Thank you also to the 159 of you who have already filled out the questionnaire (you have until Monday to complete it). I will share the results in more detail next week. However, feedback so far is that you feel the remote learning is appropriate, valuable and well thought out. However, you are finding this lockdown far more stressful than lockdown one for a number of reasons, but usually related to your own jobs, meaning that you have less time to support your child which puts more pressure on yourselves as individuals and your family. As one parent put it, 'I'm simmering but not yet boiling'. Whilst many of you commented that you do not want any more work from school, you do value the 'live' sessions for connection and wellbeing rather than for teaching. Therefore from next week, starting on Monday 1st February, both the assembly and small group sessions will be weekly. We hope you feel we have listened to you and tried to balance what we are providing, whilst allowing you to get on with the rest of your lives. See below for the new timetable. If you have more than one child and there is a clash, please contact us so we can change their small group. We may have changed some groups, please check this on Monday morning after 9.00am.

Every week	Whole class Assembly		Small Group Meetings 1-4pm
Monday	10.00am 2C	10.20am 2B	Y4
	10.40am 6N	11.00pm 6W	
Tuesday	10.00am RH	10.20am RS	
Wednesday	10.00am 3S	10.20am 3L	YR / Y1
	10.40am 5M	11.00am 5W	
Thursday	10.00am 4B	10.20am 4U	Y2 / Y6
Friday	10.00am 1F	10.20am 1S	Y3 / Y5

Small Group Meetings	1.00-4.00pm
#Kingsleacares	1.00pm
Group 1	1.30pm
Group 2	2.00pm
Group 3	2.30pm
Group 4	3.00pm
Group 5	3.30pm

Given the increase in the anxiety levels being felt in households across the country, we'd like to share with you some sound advice about supporting your child and yourself at this time. There are many similar documents, blog posts and social media advice out there; we feel the document attached to this newsletter summarises some of the most sensible suggestions. We hope you find this useful.

The learning that teachers are setting is following the Kingslea curriculum as much as possible. There are some elements which teachers are leaving until children are back in the classroom as it may require a certain method or way of teaching. The lessons and activities being set for Year 1 to Year 6 are ones which would be a single lesson in school and are designed for up to an hour of learning at home. Please do not feel you need to spend more than this time on each subject—we are happy for you to upload the work which has been completed within the hour even if it is unfinished. This allows teachers to see how well your child is getting on with the work in the given timeframe. Learning can always be complemented with reading and online maths if there are times when the adults in the house need to be working.

We look forward to seeing you and your child at Parents' Evening this Tuesday or on Tuesday 9th February.

Alexis Conway and the Kingslea Team.

Keeping Children Safe Online

At this time when children are spending more time on devices than usual and when it isn't possible to supervise them all the time, it's important to ensure device systems are as safe as possible. The most important thing to remember with online safety is that it is never possible to completely shield children from the negative influences online; what we can and must do is have a family culture where children will say if they've seen something which worries them. This can be done through discussion about what children see online, by spending time with them while they're online and reiterating that they have to be kept safe online in the same way as when they are out and about. Nevertheless, it is useful to have some parental controls on both the devices in the home and on the internet. Please see the links below for very clear easy guides to different devices and internet providers.

Devices: <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/smartphones-and-other-devices/>

Internet providers: <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/broadband-mobile/>

West Sussex are providing some free Staying Safe Online webinars for parents. You can sign up to these below.

Tuesday 9th February at 1.00pm: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/staying-safe-online-an-internet-we-trust-exploring-reliability-online-tickets-130674903153>

Friday 11th February at 10.00am: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/staying-safe-online-an-internet-we-trust-exploring-reliability-online-tickets-135303060095>

Online Maths

Sumdog Competition—Another stellar performance put in by Kingslea children in this term's West Sussex Sumdog Contest. All Kingslea classes came in the top 100, with 3S and 3L coming 6th and 13th respectively. We are very proud of all the children who took part and those who completed their 1000 questions. Ethan B, Junchi, Fintan and Alex K all made it into the final Top 50 out of over 2000 students who took part, and Amay and Khushi came joint 1st! Congratulations to all!



TTRockstars Time (Tuesdays 2.00pm) - This week saw the first of our TTRockstars Time sessions. Children and staff enjoyed playing against each other in the Arena and even the Reception and Y1 staff joined in. On a normal day on TTRockstars we see around 5,000 correct answers achieved by Kingslea pupils; on Tuesday there were nearly 50,000 correct answers. We can't wait to see you same time, same place next Tuesday in the Rock Arena (Wembley) or Rock Festival (Glastonbury). Practise in the Garage or Studio before then to be prepared.



Family Links At Home

Family Links At Home—An online parent/carer/school workshop

The Family Links programme is about working together and sharing ideas to help children gain the skills they need to cope with the social aspects of school, and life outside of school such as: understanding another's point of view, working in a group, sticking at things when they get difficult and managing worries.

When a child has these skills they can learn more effectively. Parents/carers can explore the five sessions of this free programme—put together by Mrs Barrett and Mrs Russell—at their leisure/convenience. Session One can be found on the school website under the Parents and Carers tab. Once you have completed Session One, please email wellbeing@kingslea.org.uk to receive the next session. The Family Links Programme usually takes place in school as a workshop with parents and staff working together. As this cannot be facilitated at this time, parents/carers can send queries or share successes via the wellbeing@kingslea.org.uk email.

Access Family Links Session One: <https://kingslea.w-sussex.sch.uk/familylinks.html>

Microsoft Teams

As with all technology, Microsoft Teams isn't perfect. Some of you have sensibly suggested that the videos be attached to the assignments. This was our plan and would be our ideal way of setting out the daily lessons and activities; however, this isn't possible without creating more problems than solutions (i.e. opening the video in a browser from the app, automatically downloading rather than streaming the video). You can only upload a few seconds of video into an assignment as an attachment. There is currently no way to control the order of the posts in the general feed. This is something many schools have requested of Microsoft but they haven't actioned this...yet. Similarly, there isn't the facility on Teams to open up chat dialogues between pupils and teachers without also opening up pupil-to-pupil chat, which would be impossible to monitor and would be distracting. We are pleased many of you recognise the ease of having everything in one place for remote learning this time around.