

Newsletter

Wednesday 3rd June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our June letter which is just a short update, and a very special welcome to parents from other schools who are reading this. I know our previous newsletter was widely shared around Horsham. It's lovely that there was such interest in what Kingslea were doing and I understand that it is only natural, in the current circumstances, to compare what different schools are doing. However, please remember each school is unique, with different staffing structures, buildings and capacity, but all are doing their best for their community.

So our first few days of opening to more children have gone incredibly well, so far. We have had Reception, Y1 and Y6 children back in school, in their year groups. Reception and Year 1 are in on alternate days and Year 6 in full-time. Thank you to parents for your support in sticking to the new, staggered arrival and departure times and encouraging social distancing.

For those of you who have been on site, you will have seen we haven't got reams of tape cordoning off parts of the playground or classrooms, instead there are just some simple, sensible measures such as a one way system, arrows on the floor, and a few signs asking you (and your children!) to stay off the trim trail and slide.

#kingsleacares2.1 continues to run in the small hall and in class 4B for key worker children, with an increased focus on learning in line with the 'Continuation of Learning' expectations that we have sent home.

Thank you for all the positive comments on the newly-designed 'Continuation of Learning'. As you are all aware, we are now sending three teaching videos home each day for years 2 to 5. Please do ensure that you structure your day to spend quality time watching the videos and implementing the learning. I know this isn't always easy but please persevere; we have been pleasantly surprised to notice a real improvement in the writing of many of our Reception children who were practising and learning at home.

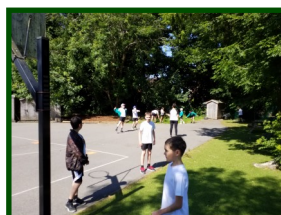
Regarding other years groups returning to school: we hear when you hear. Mr Johnson and I are not old school friends (he's actually eight years older than me and we went to school 200 miles away way from each other) so I don't have any inside information. We obviously have a number of plans in place depending on what the government says and when. When we hear something official, we will adapt our plans and let you know of our intentions.

Finally, thank you all so much for the emails and cards expressing your appreciation for the work of all the staff over the last few months, it really has been a moral booster.

Whether your child is or isn't currently coming to school, if you do need anything please do contact us.

Alexis Conway





As a parent how can I help?

- Take your child's temperature before you come to school; we will only take temperatures if we have a concern
- If your child is unwell, keep them at home
- Ensure your child has washed their hands
- Be on time and stick to your time for the staggered start to the day
- Socially distance from the teacher and other adults as school adults will not be routinely wearing face coverings
- Drop and go: please keep moving and do not stop to chat in the playground or outside the gates
- Send any messages for teachers via the school office phone number/email rather than on the playground
- Use the KS1 gate as an entrance only; the KS2 gate will be used as an entrance and exit
- Meet older children away from school, if you feel it's appropriate, as many do

What will Kingslea do if there is a suspected COVID-19 case?

- We have a separate, ventilated isolation room (not the medical room) which will only be used for suspected cases
- The child will be supervised by an adult who will wear PPE equipment
- The parent will be called to come and collect the child
- The child will be given a face covering to wear (to protect others) when they leave the building to be collected by their parents

What happens if there is a confirmed case?

The child/staff member would self isolate for 7 days, with rest of household isolating for 14 days. Any child or member of staff who displays symptoms will be encouraged to be tested for COVID-19.

Where the child/staff member tests negative, they can return to school. Where the test is positive, the rest of the 'bubble' will be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days. Household members of those in the bubble do not need to self-isolate unless the child/staff member subsequently develops symptoms.