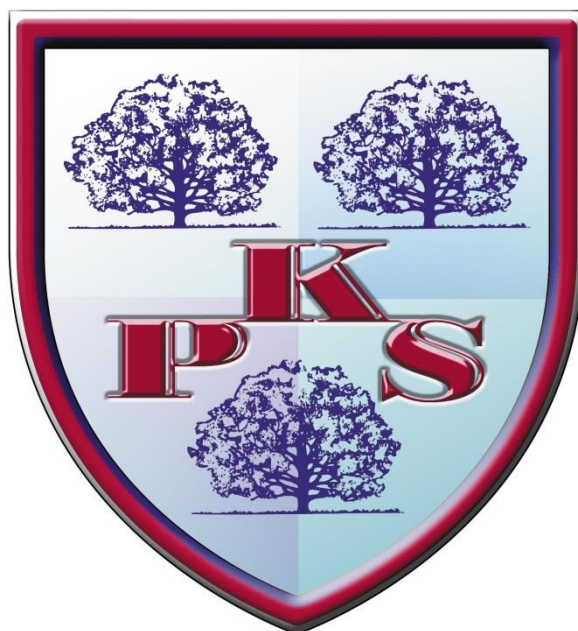


# **Kennington Primary School**



**WELCOME**

**Information for Parents.**

Thank you for choosing Kennington Primary School. We would like to extend a warm welcome to all the new children coming to Kennington this September. Over the past years we have tried to make this important step into school a happy and meaningful one for the children. We want your child to feel relaxed and eager to join us, and also become familiar with the building and the staff who will be working with them.

Tonight is our first meeting where parents can come together to meet each other and to find out a little bit more about our school.

## **SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT:**

At Kennington Primary School, safeguarding is given the highest priority.

**There may be occasions when school has concerns about the safety of a child in terms of abuse or neglect. In these cases school will follow the safeguarding policy and may need to make a referral to Children's Social Care.**

School will work closely with all agencies and the family to ensure the safety of any child who has been referred to Children's Social Care.

The Designated Senior Leads for Safeguarding are: The Head Teacher, Mr Simon Pritchard the Deputy Head Teacher, Mrs Jude Duffy and the Learning Mentor, Mrs J. Nuttall.

Any Safeguarding concerns should be reported to either of these senior leaders.

We encourage a clear culture of open communication between pupils, staff, parents and other adults working with children.

If you have a concern regarding the senior leaders, please contact the Chair of Governors Mr John Bailey: [johnwbailey@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:johnwbailey@blueyonder.co.uk)

## MISSION STATEMENT.

Why we are here.

Our mission is to deliver an exciting curriculum, tailored to the needs of every child in school which not only nurtures their interests but encourages them to take risks in a safe and supportive environment. We aim to provide opportunities and experiences that go beyond the constraints of the normal 'National Curriculum' in order to excite, engage and inspire. We have a commitment to ensure that there is a value on life-long learning instilled in all our pupils which in turn will instil a sense of happiness, security and belonging in all who come here.

## Vision

A vision – an image of the future we seek to create for both the school and its pupils.

### The vision for the school:

- To be recognised as 'Excellent' by the local community by promoting the highest standards possible in all that it does.
- To be a place where all children thrive, no matter what background they come from.
- A place that is respectful, caring and supportive for all who attend including both pupils and adults.
- An environment where good collaboration and strong working relationships between staff at all levels ensures the best outcomes for all stakeholders and facilitates continual self-improvement.
- A place that values the voice of all pupils, staff, parents, governors and its community and uses that voice to hold itself accountable for its own performance.

### The vision for its pupils:

- To make the best academic progress and attainment possible in their time at school from their starting points.
- To nurture the skills, talents and abilities of all pupils so they leave Kennington ready for the next steps in their academic career.
- To become confident, independent, resilient learners who have a belief that they can succeed in what they do outside of school as well as in.
- That all pupils leave Kennington ready to make a positive contribution to the 21<sup>st</sup> century community they live in.

### Core Values of the School:

- Respect
- Politeness
- Perseverance = **HAPPY**
- Resilience
- Excellence
- Creativity
- Teamwork

## The Kennington Pupil Should Be:

- Positive
- Resilient
- Polite
- Independent
- Hardworking
- Respectful

## GETTING CHANGED



Dressing and undressing is a difficult task for small children. Little hands find it hard to fasten buttons and to tackle the problem of a jumper which is inside out.

It would help your children to feel a sense of independence and achievement if you could let them get into the habit of dressing themselves during the summer holiday period, so they have the confidence to at least “have a go” when coming to school in September. Reception children are so proud of tackling their own clothes by themselves.

## LABELS



Could we please ask you to clearly **label** every item of clothing, including hats, scarves and mittens/gloves before coming to school? PE Kit must also be labelled. You will be able to order labels at the Induction meeting.

When a jumper or coat is found it can be returned to its owner immediately if it is labelled. If not, clothes are put into the lost property box and may remain there for weeks, as many children do not recognise their own clothes.

**Remember, there are over 200 children at Kennington who are all dressed in the same colours!**

## UNIFORM

Please check our School website for the full uniform list  
[www.kennington.lancs.sch.uk](http://www.kennington.lancs.sch.uk)

## SHOES

To further help your child achieve a sense of independence, could we ask you to try and buy shoes with buckles or Velcro, in black, and leave those laces until your child is older? Names in shoes and pumps are **vital!!!**



All these little points will help your child to get ready quickly and confidently and will help them to settle down happily into classroom life.

## MILK

Milk is available as part of our snack area if it is requested.

The cost of milk is £6.00 per term, however, children under the age of 5 are entitled to free milk. You will need to pay for milk the term your child turns 5.

If your child is 5 in the Autumn Term you will need to pay £18 for the year,  
If your child is 5 in the Spring term, you will need to pay £12 for two terms,  
If your child's birthday is in the Summer term, you will need to pay £6 for one term.

Payment should be made via your ParentPay account. Details of which will be given to you once your child has started school.

## DINNER TIME

### School Dinners

All children in KS1 are entitled to free meals as part of the government's new initiative for Universal Infant Free School Meals. Please see 'The Lancashire School Food Plan' in your pack for further information. As a school, Kennington is encouraging **all** parents in KS1 to take up this option. School has an ordering system in place, you can order your child's meal for upto 6 weeks in advance via your ParentPay account or alternatively you can let your child pick what they would like to eat on the day.

If you choose not to take up the free school meal option, packed lunches can be brought into school each morning in a clearly named lunch box. Please do not send glass bottles, fizzy drinks, chocolate bars or sweets, thank you. This is all a new experience for the children and we have found over the years that children are happier with small amounts of familiar food they can finish in a reasonable time.

### Free School Meals

Children are entitled to receive free school meals if they or their parents or guardians receive any of the benefits below.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Universal Credit with a household income of less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Income-Based Jobseekers' Allowance
- Income-Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, **not** entitled to Working Tax Credit and household income less than £16,190
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Income Support
- Working Tax Credit 'run on' – the payment you receive for a further four weeks after you finish work

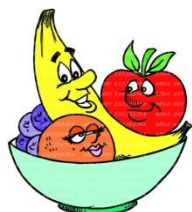
If your child is currently eligible for free school meals, that eligibility will be protected until Universal Credit is introduced (expected March 2022) even if your circumstances change. If your child is still in education on this date, they will be eligible until they finish the phase of schooling (primary or secondary) they are in.

If you have a younger child starting school in September and you are no longer eligible, they will not be protected because this would be a new claim.

If you think you might be eligible for free school meals, submit a claim to your school or local authority. A claim form is included in this pack. The information you provide will be used to check if you are in receipt of a qualifying benefit and, if you are on Universal Credit, that your earnings do not exceed the threshold. If you claim Universal Credit, your earnings will be assessed from up to three of your last Universal Credit assessment periods.

If you are eligible, your school will be notified. Your child will receive free school meals and the school will receive extra funding.

## Fruit in School



All children are offered a piece of fruit in our snack area. We try and provide a variety of fruit and encourage all children to try different fruits.

## ATTENDANCE:

### Leave of Absence

Following the September 2013 amendment to The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006, schools cannot authorise any leave other than in exceptional circumstances. In Kennington Primary School the head teacher is the person authorised by

the 'proprietor' i.e. the governing body, to make this decision. If the leave is being requested for a holiday, approval should be obtained prior to making any bookings.

Leave of absence **SHALL NOT** be granted unless:

- a request for leave has been made in advance, by a parent with whom the pupil normally resides, and
- the head teacher considers that leave of absence should be granted due to the **EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES** relating to the request.

Additional information regarding leave of absence is included with the procedural framework.

### Religious Absence

The school will authorise one day of absence per religious festival, e.g. Eid, (i.e. the day set aside by the religious body of which the parent is a member) and this will be marked as 'R' in the register.

Parents must request any additional leave in advance and this can only be authorised if it is felt that exceptional circumstances apply (this would be marked in the register as 'C').

## SICKNESS

All children will inevitably have some time off school due to one illness or another. When your child is ill, please telephone, through the school app or personally inform school **as early as possible on the first day of absence before 9.30am**, so that the class teacher may be informed. We need to know that your child is safe at home with you.



Below is a list of common ailments and the accepted period of exclusion from school. For any other diseases or medical conditions, the School Nurse, (01772 777250), or your family doctor will be able to advise.

DISEASE	MINIMUM PERIOD OF EXCLUSION
Chicken Pox	5 days from onset of rash
German Measles	5 days from onset of rash
Measles	5 days from onset of rash
Whooping Cough	5 days from commencing antibiotics
Mumps	5 days from onset of swelling
Scabies	Until after the first treatment
Impetigo	Until lesions crusted or healed
Diarrhoea/and or vomiting	48 hours from last episode of diarrhoea/vomiting

If your child is taken ill whilst at school or is involved in an accident, we will get in touch with you or the emergency contact as indicated on the admissions information form. **It is important that the details are kept up to date, so please inform school immediately of any changes of telephone numbers, addresses, etc, especially work numbers.** There have been occasions when we have had to take children to hospital personally, as we have been unable to contact anyone with the numbers given.

## MEDICALS

The school nurses from Brookfield Clinic carry out routine screening where the height and weight of each child is measured and a basic vision test is performed. This is usually carried out in the Spring Term. You will be sent a consent form and a questionnaire to complete.

The school clinic also works closely with other agencies and can refer to speech and language and audiology services if you have concerns. The school doctor is also available on request to make assessments.



## SCHOOL READINESS

It is important that your child acquires the key skills needed for a smooth learning transition into school life.



### Key skills:

- Taking turns
- Using good manners
- Recognising their own name
- Holding a conversation – talking and listening
  - Paying attention whilst listening to a story
- Answering 'how' and 'why' questions about stories and/or events
  - Using a knife and fork
- Dressing and undressing themselves e.g. Coats, PE kits
  - Confident when using scissors

## The Early Years Curriculum

Your child will follow the EYFS curriculum made up of seven areas:

### Prime areas

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Communication and Language
- Physical Development

### Specific areas

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design.

Please remember that every child is different. Don't worry if others are progressing differently.



## Outdoor learning:

All children in EYFS have access to the outdoor area whenever they want to. We are developing our outdoor area to promote learning. We also have a mud kitchen! We ask that your child has waterproof clothing and wellington boots to keep in school so that they are able to access the outdoor area in all weather.

***These activities take place in all weathers so appropriate clothing is required.***

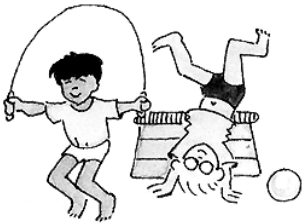
## Reading

Reading is a shared experience between school and home. Please ensure that you support your child by reading **every day** at home. School book bags are available to buy from our uniform suppliers. The children will need this bag for their books and diaries. Please remember to bring the book bag to school **every day**.



Reading books will be changed by your child's Key Person twice a week if needed and if the diary has been signed and an appropriate comment has been made with regards the child's reading. More information to be covered during the parent workshop.

## Physical Education (PE)



The PE uniform consists of a white t-shirt, navy blue shorts and a pair of PE shoes (velcro fasteners and elasticated shoes only, NO laces please). Tracksuit bottoms or trainers should not be worn.

The PE bag should be brought to school at the beginning of term and will remain in school. Children will only usually take this home at the end of each half term for washing but it should be returned as soon as school begins again. The PE bag and all items within it should be clearly marked with your child's name.

## School Times

School starts at **8.45am** and the gate will be locked at 8.55am. Your child should arrive on time every day to avoid missing valuable teaching time. If your child is ill, please inform the school office as soon as possible.

An emergency contact number is required in case your child becomes ill during the school day. Please keep it up-to-date, remember to update your Parent Portal or tell the school office if you change your mobile number as we regularly text parents with important information.

School ends at 3.00pm. In the interests of security it is important that we know who is collecting your child. Please inform the class teacher immediately if another adult will be collecting your child.

Parking around school is very difficult but to ensure the safety of our children please do not park on the yellow lines. Parents should enter the school playground in order to collect their children for a safe, secure hand over.



## Home/School Links:

### Tapestry

To keep you informed of your child's progress in their learning and development we use an online 'Learning Journal' tool which can be downloaded as an app. This enables you to see up to date observations, comment on them and upload your own. Homework tasks will also be set up on this at the end of each half term and these are to be carried out over the holidays and handed in and/or uploaded for the first day back of the new term.

Please make sure we have your up to date email addresses so that we can send links to access your child's account. The link needs to be used promptly as it soon expires.

### Parent Portal:

When you join our school, you will have access to our online Parent Portal facility. The Parent Portal allows you to update you and your child's details such as change of address, telephone number etc. It is also the place where you can give your consent for such things as administering first aid, the use of photographs of your child and the exchange of data.

You can also keep track of your child's attendance record to ensure they are close what is expected (96% attendance).

To access the Parent Portal, we need to have your email address. As soon as we have this you will be sent instructions about how to register and log on to the portal.

If you lose the link to get to the Parent Portal, please use the one below:

**<https://kennington.uk.arbor.sc>**

If you have any difficulties registering or logging on then please contact school as soon as possible.

## Schools Communication:

We have several lines of communication available to us. These include:

- Twitter: @KenningtonCPS
- Facebook: [www.facebook.com/kenningtonprimaryfulwood/](http://www.facebook.com/kenningtonprimaryfulwood/)
- The school website: [www.kennington.lancs.sch.uk](http://www.kennington.lancs.sch.uk)
- Email (as long as we have an up to date email address).
- ParentApps –log in details will be supplied once your child has enrolled.

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PR2 8ER

Tel: 01772 774044

Email: [bursar@kennington.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@kennington.lancs.sch.uk)