

Kennington Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are now coming towards the end of term and nearing the summer break. It does sound unusual to use the word 'break' with so many children not attending school since March! School, however, has never really closed.

You have all done so well with home schooling. I know it's not been easy but I think most people have done a great job under the circumstances so thank you from all the staff and myself.

A few parents have already been in touch regarding next year, as they want to start thinking about things such as uniform etc. So below, I will provide some general information about logistics for September but please treat this with a little bit of caution as the current guidance is bound to change before then!

- We will close school to all children on Friday 17th July 2020 at 3pm.
- We will open for ALL children on Wednesday 2nd September 2020. All children will move up to their new class and teacher.
- Our main defence against the virus will still be regular hand washing and environment hygiene ie regular cleaning.
- We will still be following procedures for any outbreaks of Covid-19 as we are now eg sending home classes if there are confirmed cases etc.
- Children will not be expected to remain 2 metres apart.
- Children will be expected to wear full school uniform as normal including school PE kit.
- We still expect to have staggered start times and one-way drop off and pick up systems in
 place. There will be no gathering in the playground for parents. Specific details of these will
 be sent out nearer the time.
- Children should only bring their book bag with them each day (and packed lunch if they have them). No rucksacks, pencil cases etc. Coats are allowed.
- Visitors to school, including parents, will be strictly limited. We will still ask parents to contact school via telephone or email and not come to reception.
- We are unsure about whether there will be breakfast or after school club at the moment.
 Again, we will let people know before September.
- For at least the first half term, the school kitchen will only be providing a cold packed lunch for those children on Free School Meals, Universal Infant Free School Meals (Reception, Year1 or Year2) or those parents who wish to purchase one. All lunches will be eaten in the classroom. We are going to ask that parents choose all their children's meals using Parent Pay. This will cut down on the need to for the children to touch the screens in the class. Food will not be allowed to be 'dropped off' later in the day. It is important that you are signed up for Parent Pay.

- All term dates remain the same for now.
- Returning to school will be compulsory and the local authority will be able to issue Penalty Notices for non-attendance.
- Teachers will not be setting homework over the summer break.
- If you wish to pick up a PE kit that was left in school, they are now ready for collection in the main entrance.
- We have created videos for each year group for their transition into their next class. It is just a short video with an introduction to their new teacher next year. It's not what we would normally do but at least it's something for the children to see.

As we develop our risk assessment for full opening in September, I will update you with any operational changes that may need to be made between now and the start of the Autumn Term. We still expect parents to be responsible for monitoring their children's health including any visible signs of symptoms of Covid-19 to help minimise the risk to others.

Hopefully, we can get back to some normality in September.

Kind regards,

Mr S Pritchard

Head Teacher

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