



Kirkburton Middle School – Parent Bulletin 12th – 19th June 2020

Headteacher Update

Welcome to our weekly parent bulletin, it seems the great British Summer may have finally arrived. Despite the weather, the week has felt very bright in school as we welcomed back our key worker pupils and some of our Year 6 cohort. I have no doubt there was a great deal of nervous anticipation over the weekend with the return to school looming, I know I certainly felt that way, however we are really pleased with the way the first week has gone. The pupils on site have been an absolute credit to the school and their families showing levels of maturity well beyond their years. They settled extremely well into the routines of social distancing, regular hand washing and spending the day inside their 'bubbles'. This bodes extremely well as we look to open up our offer to more pupils from Monday 22nd June. Well done everybody. Can I remind Year 6 parents that the deadline for completing the latest return to school survey is 4pm today. We have also had the first week of our revised provision for those pupils working off site. With fewer staff available to set and mark remote work, we are trialling new ways of ensuring all pupils receive the best possible curriculum experience when working from home. Please keep feeding back any comments so we can continue to refine our approach in order to support all you pupils and families. Please click [here](#) for all the latest government guidance in relation to Covid-19 and schools.

Despite only being one week in to the 'new' school term, we are already making plans for the new academic year in September. At this moment in time we don't know what this will look like. We hope it will be a return to school for all pupils however that is obviously entirely dependent on the decisions made by the government based on the latest scientific advice. A lot could change between now and then. As such we are starting to make plans for a number of different scenarios. Mrs Kerr and a group of colleagues across the Trust will meet next week to start planning for our 'recovery curriculum'. It is inevitable that pupils will have gaps in their learning following an extended period away from school and we need to ensure we have strategies in place in order to identify these early and plan a curriculum which enables pupils to catch up at an accelerated pace. This group will also focus on continuing to development approaches with remote learning in case September brings a mixed economy of pupils working for part of the week in school together with some time at home.

Further to the news on transition last week we have been busy making preparations for our outgoing Year 8 and our incoming Year 5. I attended a remote meeting with Mr Wadsworth (Shelley College Principal) and Mrs Large (Scissett Middle Head of School) where discussed all aspects of Year 8 transition so far and future plans. Year 8 parents will receive a joint letter today from the three schools which summarises the plans moving forward. We have also finalised our transition arrangements for our Year 6 class of 2020. Parents should receive a welcome pack in the post at some point next week which outlines our plans. Unfortunately, following recent government guidance, we can't have groups of pupils from other schools on our site at this moment in time. As such the planned tutor group assemblies for the end of term won't unfortunately be able to take place. We do however feel confident that our planned offer will help alleviate any potential concerns and ensure a smooth start in September- for both pupils and parents.

There are lots of great resources about transition [available here](#) on the BBC website which we highly recommended. Whilst they are tailored for the move to secondary school, most of the topics covered also apply to the move to both Middle School and High School.

The school social media feeds have once again provided a very eclectic mix of posts. This has included a new school logo design courtesy of Cameron, Mr Smith's very cryptic quiz, a wealth of careers information and we've

even been treated some baby photos of members of staff. The fund raising has continued this week; Amelie has run 5km in the wind and rain with her mum and sister. Finally Ruby has taken the very brave decision to shave her hair and raise money for a number of good causes. She will also be donating her hair to the Little Princess trust meaning her actions will help give a little girl 'the hair of her dreams'. Please click [here](#) for more information. Well done Ruby.

I will finish with the usual thanks for all your ongoing support and the reminder that the school office is now fully open to answer any questions you may have or to direct you to the person who is best placed to help. I hope you have a good weekend and fingers crossed we see the return of the better weather at some point next week.

Well-being

Although schools are closed to the majority of students, we remain here to help. **Please be sure to make contact with school if you need support.** Please see the end of this bulletin for a list of further support services available to you at this difficult time. We've added an extra section this week, Kirklees Support for families in need, which has been shared with us by Kirklees Council.

School safeguarding support

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Year 6

This week I am writing to you from KMS as I am back with the Year 6 pupils who have returned to school. What an inspiring week it has been. I was already so impressed by the way KMS students have coped with lockdown but you all continue to inspire me. You have made key rings, raising money for charity, being kind and patient with younger and older relatives, baking, singing, gymnastics, cycling and showing all your amazing talents to name but a few examples. The Staff I work with inspire me too. Some staff have worked through their holidays to support key workers but also to make the school safe which has been a real undertaking as you can imagine. Staff working from home have supported you all with your work, giving feedback and ringing to check on you as well as homeschooling their own children/taking care of their families. They continue to do this for their own and other classes whilst some of us are in school. Your parents/ carers inspire me for the same reasons as they are juggling all their responsibilities they have whilst keeping you all safe as well as home schooled which is to be admired especially as a lot of them are key workers themselves. All of you are inspirations and we must show our thanks. Being a part of the KMS community makes me very proud and makes me ask who or what has inspired you over the last 11 weeks? How will this inspiration influence you as we continue to come out of lockdown? How will you show your appreciation? There is a lovely advert on the TV at the moment where a poem is performed by Yomi Sode who is brushing his young son's hair as he reads the poem to him. The last line summarises how our experience in lockdown inspires us all and will help us as we slowly gain more freedoms, it reads ' But most importantly, I'll remember your bravery in treating every day like a new day'. Then his Son thanks his Dad. I thank you all.

Miss Sharples

Music

Online music resources: Just a reminder that there are some very useful resources on the Musica website. There are instrument tutorials, resources for curriculum music and projects for children learning to play an instrument together with tailor-made activities so you can maintain your practice routine. Just follow the links below and continue to enjoy your music making.

<https://www.musicakirklees.org/resources-for-small-groupindividual-tuition#w>

EdenRed UK - UPDATE

Please note the following:

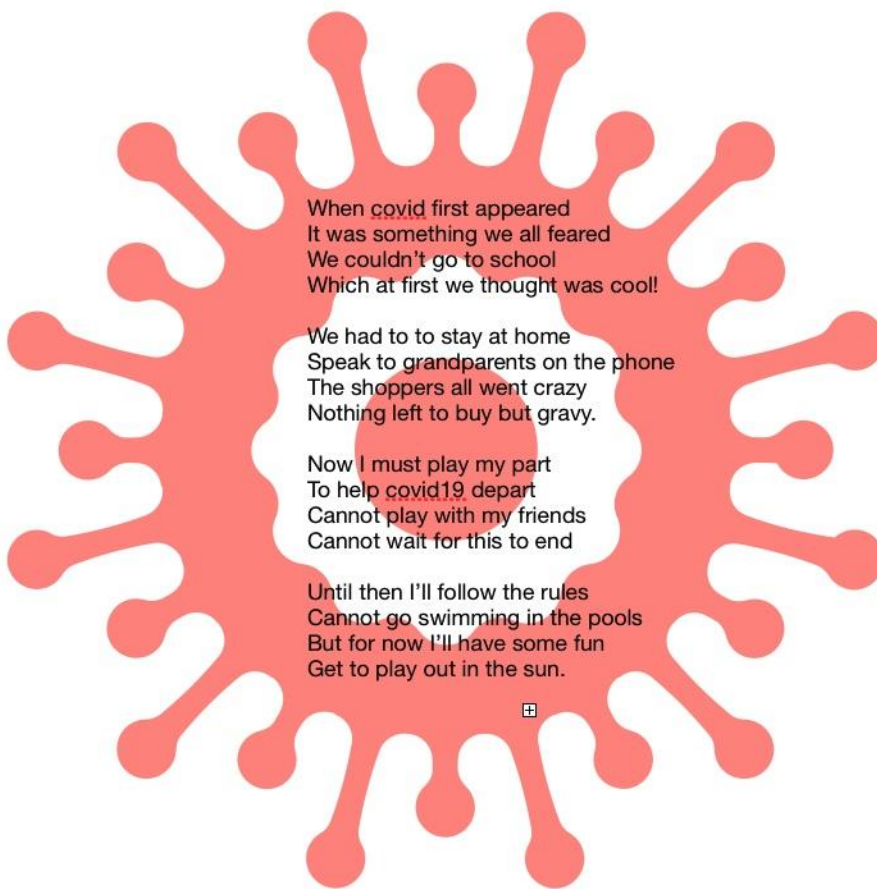
We will be carrying out some scheduled maintenance work to improve our systems at the following dates/times:

Start time: 8am on Saturday 13th June

End time: 7pm on Sunday 14th June

This means that you will not be able to access the online ordering website and parents/carers will not be able to access the www.freeschoolmeals.co.uk website during this time.

Finlay's Fantastic Covid-19 Poem



Well done Finlay – obviously written before the weather changed!

Travelling to school by bus

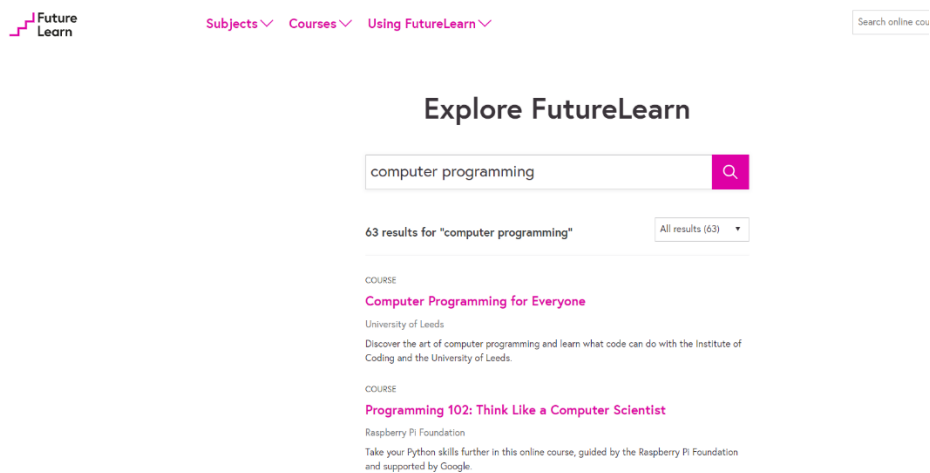
We have been informed that the usual school bus services will commence from Monday 15th June. **All buses have very reduced capacity and spaces must be booked via the school office. Wherever possible, we ask that pupils only use the school buses as a last resort in line with the government guidance [here](#).** You will be aware that the Transport Secretary recently announced that face coverings will be compulsory on public transport in England from 15 June. This is in addition to social distancing measures already in place. Please click [here](#) for

further information. Although we span both primary and secondary aged pupils, **all pupils travelling to Kirkburton Middle School by bus will be required to wear a face covering.**

Careers

Fancy learning more about Computing & I.T.? Wanting to enhance your skills and career potential? Do you want to have something extra in your learning before your transition to Shelley College? Have a look at FutureLearn for some great free online courses for students. Once finished, you can submit your completed course to either Mr Sallu or Mrs Greenleaf (Careers Lead) for a certificate.

<https://www.futurelearn.com/subjects/it-and-computer-science-courses>



Below is a downloadable guide that's been created to help parents and carers steer their children through the confusing world of career choices. The full guide will be out next academic year - but we wanted to share a preview version to help you as lockdown continues.

1. Guide for parents and carers

To receive a copy, please take this opportunity to update all fields of your profile and make sure you check the box to say you'd like a copy of the parents' eBook:

<https://successatschool.us3.list-manage.com/profile?u=2c038531b25876a2c7c9cf8b1&id=65c6d67e71&e=674614f367>

See this link so you can access the eBook:

<https://successatschool.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2c038531b25876a2c7c9cf8b1&id=3d56d2e18f&e=674614f367>



**INTERNATIONAL WOMEN IN
ENGINEERING DAY
22 JUNE**

DISCOVER ENGINEERING

Meet The Future You

Take the quiz and Meet The Future You!

Could you see yourself exploring outer space, protecting the environment, designing apps or developing cures for diseases?



**WHAT CAREER IN ENGINEERING
WOULD SUIT YOU? TAKE THE QUIZ
[HERE](#)**

Something for the family

Can you name the capital cities of each country?

Ukraine

England

Saudi Arabia

Papua New Guinea

Ivory Coast

Chile

France

Germany

Canada

Mexico

Answers
Kyiv
London
Riyadh
Port Moresby
Yamoussoukro
Santiago
Paris
Berlin
Ottawa
Mexico City