



Kirkburton Middle School - Parent Bulletin

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Word from the Head

Welcome to our fortnightly parent bulletin, I hope you and your family are well. As we enter a second national lockdown, I would like to update you on some of the government guidance in relation to schools. The [updated guidance for schools can be found here](#) and the associated [guidance for parents can be found here](#). The latest copy of our whole school Covid – 19 risk assessment together with other information can be found on our dedicated page on the [school website here](#).

Attendance – School attendance remains mandatory for all. The only exception are those children whose doctors have confirmed they are still clinically extremely vulnerable and have advised them not to attend education whilst the national restrictions are in place. If you have any concerns about your child attending school due to a medical condition, please contact us immediately.

Face coverings – Are now mandatory for all schools in communal areas and on school buses. Each pupil **MUST** bring a mask to school day.

Curricular and extra-curricular activities - PE, sport, music, dance and drama lessons can continue in line with

the current guidance – during school time. After-school clubs can only continue if their primary purpose childcare;

this unfortunately means we won't be able to offer any after school clubs during the lockdown period.

Remote learning - Schools are expected to provide remote learning for any pupils who are self-isolating or clinically extremely vulnerable. This doesn't necessarily mean live lessons. Please see later item in this bulletin for more details about what this looks like at KMS.

Bubbles – Not related to the guidance however you may remember I wrote to you before half-term saying we may loosen some of our arrangements around bubbles, this certainly won't be happening for the foreseeable future.

We recognise this is a worrying time for all and we want to work with families to reassure them that we are doing everything we can to make it as safe as it can be for pupils to attend school. Pupils are very well versed in the new 'Covid secure' routines we have in place within school and we ask for your continued support in reinforcing the key messages of hands, face and space.

I wish you all the best over the coming fortnight and thank you for your ongoing support.

Virtual Open Evening

Unfortunately we've not been able to hold our annual open evening this year. We're bitterly disappointed not to be able to have the opportunity to welcome people in to school to show them what makes KMS such a special place to learn. We have however got the next best thing; **please [click here](#) to visit our virtual open evening 2020**. Thank you to Mr Tyson for all his hard work in pulling this together and to all the pupils who contributed to the video.

Trust newsletter

Please click [here](#) to view the latest newsletter from the Mast Academy Trust.

Parent forum & Parent Teacher Association

Thank you to those parents who have registered an interest in joining our parent forum this year. This group gives the school an opportunity to gain parent feedback on upcoming strategic decisions and proposed school developments. If you would like to register an interest to join the group, please complete the short form [here](#).

We are aware that some parents want to get involved in the work of the school but in a less formal way. **We would therefore love to hear from any parents who would be interested in joining a parent teacher association in school to help organise fundraising activities and other school community activities.** Please contact the school office if you would like to get involved.

Flu Vaccine

Over the coming weeks, parents with pupils in Years 6 and 7 will be offered the opportunity to have their child vaccinated against flu.

Locala, who provide our community healthcare services, have asked we share the following information with parents. You may also find the [parent information leaflet here](#) of use.

There have been some concerns that have been raised regarding “shedding” of the virus from the vaccine and keeping children out of school for a certain period following the vaccination session in school.

“The nasal spray vaccine has a good safety record and unvaccinated contacts are not at risk of catching flu from the vaccine, either through being in the same room where flu vaccine has been given or by being in contact with a recently vaccinated individual”.

In addition it outlines that “excluding children from school during the period when the vaccine is being offered, or in the following weeks, is not necessary. The only exception to this would be the tiny number of children who are extremely immunocompromised (for example those who have just had a bone marrow transplant)”.

It remains parental choice as to whether they consent to their child having the vaccine, however we hope that the above information can help parents to have an informed choice.

Adult Learning Opportunities

Kirklees Adult Learning, have a range of free short courses that can support parents/carers to support their children via our Family Learning offer.

Family Learning - Family learning offers a range of courses for mums, dads, grandparents, carers and children. Some courses focus on families learning together, others are for parents/carers, with the emphasis on supporting the family.

- Courses for new parents
- How to deal with challenging behaviour from tots to teens
- How to support your family’s mental health
- Supporting your child’s learning at home including:
 - phonics
 - supporting reading
 - understanding maths at home

Please visit the [Council Website](#) and view our free courses timetabled for after October half term and enrol now. Courses are a combination of tutor led delivery via Zoom (about an hour per session), short homework sessions and individual personalised tutor support time. You will be emailed all the resources that you need to complete the course and will receive regular feedback on how you are doing.

[Click here to view the full timetable of courses](#)

Mr Taylor

Maths - TT Rockstars

Please encourage your child to use TT Rockstars two or three times a week (10 to 15 minutes at a time) to make sure their times tables are as good and as sharp as they can be.

Test them whenever you can! Get them to test you!

Children in Need 2020



Here at KMS, we want to support them by raising as much money as possible. **Therefore, Friday 13th November will be a non-uniform day.** Due to COVID, (where possible) we are asking you to donate by clicking on the following link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/KirkburtonMiddleSchool>

Cash donations will be collected during class time with a suggested donation of £1 per pupil.

Introduction – Ms Clark Head of Year 7

Due to Covid, I have missed the opportunity to introduce myself to you properly. I am new to KMS and it saddens me that we haven't had the chance to meet. I take my role as Head of Year 7 very seriously and a large part of that role is around the relationships forged with parents. Therefore, I thought I would create a video explaining a little bit about myself and how I approach being Head of Year 7. If you have any questions you would like me to answer on the video, please email them to me at: t.clark@kirkburtonmiddleschool.org.uk (In the subject line put Video Question) . I look forward to hearing from you.

Many thanks

Ms Clark



Armistice Day

The school, along with other local schools, will be sending representatives to the annual act of remembrance in Kirkburton on Wednesday 11th November. We will also be holding a two minute silence in school on the day.

Curriculum

Remote Learning

As you will be aware, we have created a remote learning curriculum which mirrors our in school curriculum, so that we can ensure that all children who need to self-isolate, do not fall behind their peers. From next week we will also add the year group assembly for children to watch and the daily notices that we read out to form groups. In addition we would ask that your child completes a remote learning survey at the end of their isolation period/time off school to help us monitor engagement and our processes. This can be found on the remote learning page on the website [here](#).

Whilst the government message remains very clear that they intend to keep schools open, we are conscious that things could change in the future and as such we continue to make contingency plans should the government decide to close schools to certain year groups or if we need to isolate whole bubbles or year groups. All of our pupils now have microsoft email addresses which will give us more secure options when contacting pupils and families. Microsoft Teams will also provide us with a secure platform to help us offer a mixture of 'live' and/or recorded lessons in the event of closure. There is considerable work going on behind the scenes to train both staff and pupils and we will keep you informed of our plans via the school bulletin.

Musica

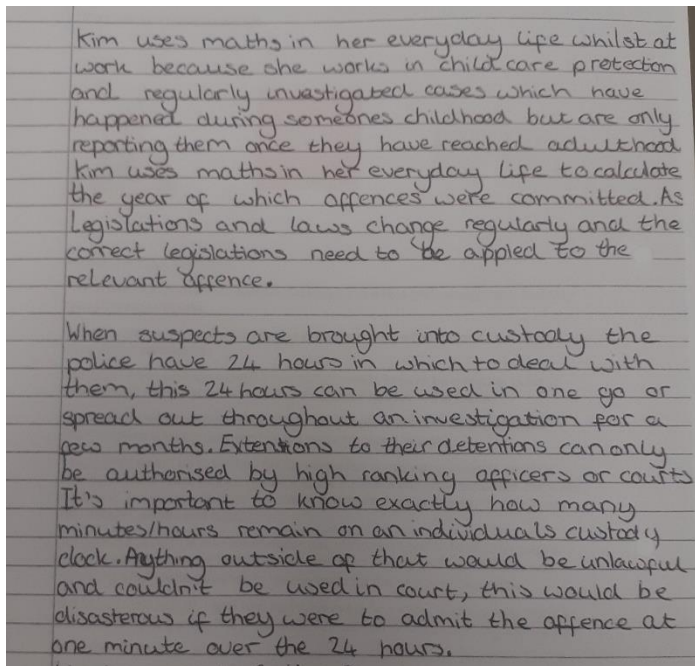
Musica are back!

We welcomed back our fabulous team of specialist teaching staff from Musica this week to Kirkburton Middle school, covering all instruments; piano and keyboard, Brass, Woodwind, Upper and Lower Orchestral Strings, Electric and Classical Guitar, Drums and Voice. Over 50 of our pupils have enjoyed 'reconnecting' with their specialist teachers and it has been great to see our pupils attending their lessons again and hearing them play.



Careers

Please see below the work from a pupil in year 8 which was completed in their Maths lesson, they have interviewed an adult about 'how do we use Maths in their chosen career'



Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant

**Grade 3 £3175 (plus market rate supplement)
7 hours 30 minutes per week in term time (12.00 - 1.30 daily)
Kirkburton Middle School, Turnshaws Avenue,
Kirkburton, Huddersfield HD8 0TJ**

We are seeking to appoint an effective Lunchtime Supervisor who will be required to assist with the supervision of the pupils remaining on the school premises at lunchtime.

The ability to relate to children/young people from diverse backgrounds is essential for this job, as well as having good verbal communication skills in order to liaise with children/young people and other staff members.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All staff are subject to an enhanced DBS check. A conviction may not exclude candidates from appointment but will be considered as part of the recruitment process.

For further information about the school please go to our website - <http://www.kirkburtonmiddleschool.co.uk> where an application form and Job Description can be downloaded.

Application forms should be returned to Mrs Barrett, Office Manager, at the school by Friday 6th November 2020.

Email r.barrett@kirkburtonmiddleschool.co.uk