

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you have had a good weekend so far and you managed to enjoy some of the sunny weather yesterday. As we approach the new week, I would just like to draw your attention to the following.

Monday Period 1

A reminder that, in order to allow for on-site induction, there will be no live lessons during period 1 tomorrow. Instead, pupils have been set work by their period 1 teacher in the assignments section of Teams. Live lessons will continue as normal from period 2.

Assembly

Monday's assembly will be hosted by your child's Head of Year. This should be viewed during class time.

The School Day

The government guidance changed at the end of last week and schools are now required to provide 4 hours of work for key stage 2 pupils each day and 5 hours for key stage 3 pupils. You will notice that our lockdown school day only offers 4 hours and 30 minutes of teacher contact. We have kept 30 minutes free each day for Year 7 & 8 pupils to work on any assignments or to revisit any lesson recordings where they feel the need. Please contact school if you have any questions regarding this.

IT Support

Thank you for reporting technical issues through the [online form here](#). This has allowed us to direct your query to the most appropriate person and deal with issues in a more efficient manner. **If your child is struggling to access live lessons due to a lack of devices or issues with connecting to the internet, please let us know.**

Application for a place at KMS from September

A reminder that the deadline for applying for a place in our Y6 class of 2021 is next Friday - January 15th. We would ask you remind friends and family of this date if it is relevant to them. We expect to have some places available to people who live outside our catchment area so please pass this information on. [Parents should apply here](#).

OFSTED

Please find the attached letter in response to our remote interim visit on 1st December. This will go live on the OFSTED website within the next 5 days. We are disappointed that a full day of meetings with senior staff has been condensed into such a short summary but this is the same for all schools who received a visit last term.

Please note, the first page and a half is the same for all schools, the only text that is unique to KMS are the six bullet points that come after the heading 'From this visit, inspectors noted that:'. We are however pleased with the way the day went and the two inspectors seemed positive in all the meetings. As mentioned, most of the letter is the same for all schools, particularly the sentence which reads 'We did not find any significant concerns during the visit'. As far as we are aware, they didn't find any concerns. This line is included because if significant concerns were identified during the day, the visit could have triggered a full inspection.

You may have seen in the press that OFSTED will be conducting further interim visits this term, on-site, and we will definitely receive a visit. The senior leadership team and staff are looking forward to showcasing the progress the school has made since the last inspection. Full section 5 OFSTED inspections, those which assign grades to schools, are currently scheduled to recommence in the summer term.

Letters from Kirklees Strategic Director for Children's Services

Please see the attached letters from Mel Meggs, Director for Children's Services in relation to school places for vulnerable children and the children of critical workers. The government guidance has been updated this week in relation to critical workers and it now reads '**Parents and carers of critical workers should keep their children at home if they can.**' We hope the introduction of live lessons will help support parents whilst they are working from home.

Parent Survey

Thank you to everybody who has taken the time to complete our parent survey. For those still wanting to provide feedback [the survey can be accessed here](#). Your views are very important to us and your feedback is crucial in supporting us with our school improvement plans. The survey will close on Monday 18th January at 4pm. We will then start our analysis of the results and we will share this with parents once complete.

Can I thank you once again for all the positive feedback we received last week, either directly or via social media. These mean a great deal to staff and are very much appreciated during these challenging times.

Regards,

Mr Taylor

Lockdown School Day (off site)

Period 1: 9.00 – 9.50

Period 2: 10.00 – 10.50

Period 3: 11.10 – 12.00

Class time: 1.00 – 1.20 Mon – Assembly, Tue & Thur – Private reading, Wed & Fri – Tutor lead session

Period 4: 1.30 – 2.20

Period 5: 2.30 – 3.20

30 minutes each day to complete assignments and revisit lesson notes where needed.