



KINETON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2020



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11th September 2020

Dear all,

We have had a great first full week back. The children have settled well into their new class routines and have been quick to really get stuck into their new topics. Class topic information will follow next week.

As term progresses, there are likely going to be changes to arrangements we have in school. The first we wish to make are:

PE kits

To support social distancing, we are requesting that children in Years 1-6 come to school in their PE kit on the day they are due to have PE. They should continue to wear full school uniform on other days. In line with government guidelines, PE will take place outside wherever possible so please ensure your child is wearing PE kit suitable for this. For your reference, the school uniform policy states that PE kit is as follows:

- Black shorts or plain black tracksuit bottoms
- Red polo shirt
- Plain black or red sweatshirt
- Plain grey or white socks
- Plain black or white outdoor trainers*

*Pumps are recommended for indoor use only. Please provide trainers under current covid arrangements as they will be worn all day.

PE days are as follows:

- Year 1—Tuesday
- Year 2—Monday
- Year 3—Friday (wellies also required)
- Year 4—Thursday
- Year 5—Thursday
- Year 6—Wednesday

Lunches

We are pleased to announce that from Monday 21st September, children eating a school lunch will be able to choose between a hot or a cold deli bag. Options for the hot deli bag remain unchanged. A cold deli bag will contain either a ham or cheese sandwich, carrot and cucumber sticks, raisins, a piece of fruit, a homemade biscuit or cake and a drink. The menu will be available in next week's newsletter.

Trespassing

It has come to our attention that the school grounds continue to be used out of hours by some owners to exercise their dogs. This is resulting in excrement being left on the school field. Please could you pass the message around as appropriate that school grounds should not be used for this purpose. Thank you for your help.

A message for year 5 parents - Marle Hall

We are still waiting for our refund before getting in touch with parents of children who had booked for their child(ren) to go to Marle Hall in September to discuss options, including rolling monies forward to 2021 where appropriate or requesting a refund. We hope to be in touch in the next 2-3 weeks.

Dates for your diary

October

Wednesday 7th

Nasal Flu Vaccination

Friday 9th

School photos

Friday 23rd

Inset day

Mon 26th- Fri 30th

HALF TERM

November

Mon 2nd

Children back to school



Library books

We have many library books which have not yet been returned after lockdown. Please could you check at home and return any books as soon as possible. We will then 'quarantine' them before they are reissued to other children.

Covid-19 reminder from Public Health Warwickshire

We all need to remain vigilant by watching out for symptoms of coronavirus. For most people coronavirus will be a mild illness. The symptoms are:

- a new, continuous cough or worsening of a cough,
- and/or high temperature
- and a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell

There is a large picture of symptoms associated with COVID-19 including fatigue (reported to affect 38.1% of people infected), a sore throat, headache and others. Therefore if in doubt – **remain at home and book a test.** **Please inform the school that you are going for a test and any test result as soon as you receive it.**

If results are negative (as long as you are not a close contact of a positive case)

You can return to school/work/usual activities when you are well and have not had a temperature for at least 48 hours)

All household contacts can return to school/work/usual activities immediately

If results are positive

All positive cases must stay off work/away from school for at least 10 days (until well and they have not had a temperature for at least 48 hours);

Let the school know as soon as you find out your test result, the school will want to start to gather information regarding close contacts.

Household members of those positive should isolate for 14 days, this starts from the first day symptoms started, or the day of the test (if the test was taken in the absence of symptoms). This means household members should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home. This will greatly reduce the possibility of spreading the virus

Where possible, arrange for anyone who is clinically vulnerable or clinically extremely vulnerable to move out of your home, to stay with friends or family for the duration of your home isolation period

As we run up to the winter period there are many children developing symptoms similar to that of COVID-19, this happens every year and even more so when the new school year starts. Therefore, those with symptoms may not be COVID-19 cases, they may be the usual cold we have seen in previous years in children as their immune system develops.

If a child is reported to have symptoms of COVID-19 we do not send any children who could be close contacts home until the child with symptoms has been tested and confirmed as a positive COVID-19 case.

Attendance

Please see attached information regarding leave of absence during term time.

Have a lovely weekend.

Margaret Pollard

Headteacher

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LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME

UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court recently reached a decision in the case of Platt v Isle of Wight Council which has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time. The parents of children of compulsory school age are required to ensure that they attend school on a regular basis. The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

Head Teachers retain the ability to authorise leave in accordance with the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006. When considering such requests for a leave of absence, the school are obliged to act within the law. Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application. If the leave is granted, head teachers are able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

It is for the Head Teacher to decide what is 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent.

Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent (s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Failure to make an application for leave in advance can also result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council.

It is important to note, Fixed Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices in the amount of £120 each, totalling £240 for both children, this is reduced to £60 per child if paid within 21 days).

Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is not paid within the required timeframe as set out on the notice, the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal proceedings under S444 Education Act 1996.

Fixed Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices.

Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority

Warwickshire School pupils recorded 31,196 half day sessions of absence due to holiday in the Autumn term 2019.

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A health and wellbeing update from your school nurse team

The Warwickshire School Health & Wellbeing Service is still here to provide support - even if this may be given in a different way to usual! Here's our latest newsletter with useful links, wellbeing advice, and details of how you can get help when you need it.

World Suicide Prevention Day

World Suicide Prevention Day takes place every year on the 10th September. The objective is to bring organisations and communities together to raise awareness of how we can create a world where fewer people die by suicide.

To support Suicide Prevention Day, we've put together some activities, information and resources for children and young people.



Support network and Stay Safe activities

It's important children and young people are aware of their support network and strategies for staying safe when they have periods of low mood or are struggling with their mental health. These activities can help identify coping strategies and organisations and individuals they can talk to when they need to - the details of support services below can be added to this.

[Activity one \(suitable for younger children and SEND\): hand drawing support network](#)

[Activity two: PAPYRUS Stay Safe plan](#)

Who to talk to if you need some help

If you're a child/young person and you have feelings about suicide or wanting to hurt yourself, it's really important to speak to a trusted adult. There are a number of services who can help, you can get their contact details here: compass-uk.org/cyp-services

📱 *Why not save some of these to your phone?*



Did you know...

Suicide is the biggest killer of young people - male and female - aged under 35 in the UK.

In 2018, over 6,500 people died of suicide in the UK - around 18 per day.

Useful links




Back to school resources

NHS Every Mind Matters - back to school resources for all: cutt.ly/nhs-back-to-school

For parent/carers - Young Minds - what to do if your child is anxious about school: cutt.ly/ym-school-anxiety

For children and young people - Young Minds - coping with anxiety about going back to school: youngminds.org.uk/blog/coping-with-anxiety-about-going-back-to-school/

Wellbeing activities for at home

-  Draw or paint a portrait of you and your friends or family.
-  Find a green space and go for a walk. Try and spot 5 things you don't normally see.
-  Try out some of these healthy recipes that use seasonal veg: nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/dinner#seasonal

Emotional and mental health resources

Resources for professionals, parents/carers and young people: camhs-resources.co.uk

NHS Every Mind Matters
nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters

Young Minds Coronavirus support:
cutt.ly/young-minds-coronavirus

RISE resources: cwrise.com



Your school nurse team is here to help!

We know these times can be unsettling for children, young people and families. Our school nurse team is here to provide support with any concerns or questions about health and wellbeing: get in touch using the details below for free, confidential advice.

Parents/carers

Service mainline: **03300 245 204**
Text Parentline: **07520 619 376**

Children/young people aged 11–19 years

Text ChatHealth: **07507 331 525**



www.compass-uk.org/services/warwickshire-school-health-wellbeing-service

Further links for children & young people around suicidal feelings

youngminds.org.uk/find-help/feelings-and-symptoms/suicidal-feelings

cutt.ly/childline-suicidal-feelings

nhs.uk/conditions/suicide/

helpguide.org/articles/depression/teenagers-guide-to-depression.htm

For SEND

Video for young people & young adults with learning disabilities about suicide prevention/staying safe:
youtu.be/6ZpjtVAgJns

COVID-19 family guidance

Information for Warwickshire families:
warwickshire.gov.uk/fis

Warwickshire FIS family newsletters:
<https://cutt.ly/FIS-newsletters>

Support accessing food:
cutt.ly/accessing-food-advice

Refuge Domestic Abuse Service Warwickshire:
Call **0800 408 1552**
cutt.ly/refuge-warwks

For urgent support with mental health for children and young people, please call the 24/7 CW RISE supportline:

02476 641 799 between 8am and 8pm
0300 200 0011 outside these hours

Just a quick question that's been on my mind the past few days

No problem, we're here to help. What's on your mind?