



Friday 8th September 2023

Dear parents/ carers,

Welcome to term 1! A particular warm welcome to all of our new families. All the children have settled well into this term and we are very proud of how they and the staff have coped in this heat. Please make sure children have a water bottle in school along with a hat for playing outside if the heat continues into next week.

Aspire Trust

You will have received a letter today outlining the decision of the Aspire governors to explore forming our own academy trust. This is a fairly lengthy process and you are invited to submit your views during the consultation period via the school office to Annie Allum, Chair of the Governing Body. The main aim of this is to give the leaders and governors more freedom in their own governance and use of financial and other resources.

GOLD School Games Mark

It is with great pride I write to inform you that all 4 of our Aspire Schools have achieved the 'GOLD SCHOOL GAMES MARK' for the 2022/2023 academic year.

The purpose of the School Games Mark is to reward and recognise a school's engagement (provision and uptake) in the School Games against a national benchmark and to celebrate keeping young people active.

Each individual school (Kingswood, Leeds and Broomfield, Platts Heath and Ulcombe) had to:

- Maintain and grow the school's engagement in the School Games and the delivery of 60 active minutes for every child.
- Prioritise the delivery of 60 active minutes for every child to support improvements in their physical literacy, social, emotional and physical well-being.
- Creating positive experiences by ensuring physical activity and competition provision is designed to reflect the motivation, competence and confidence of your young people and has a clear intent.

- Demonstrate how they are targeting young people who need the intervention most based on school intelligence and data to improve their physical literacy, social, emotional, and physical well-being
- Create positive experiences that support the character development of young people.

This was an on-going assessment period over the past year for all 4 schools. The Gold award pays tribute to the dedication of our staff and the enjoyment held by our children for all things active!

A HUGE congratulations to all children and staff across all 4 schools. I am extremely proud of this achievement!



Kingswood Pre School

Please find below some information regarding Kingswood Pre school which has some vacancies for new children at the moment.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A PRE-SCHOOL SETTING?

REGISTER NOW to secure your place at Kingswood Pre-school Group!

We have been established for over 30 years

We are a parent committee run registered charity

Offering sessions 5 days a week, including 2 full days and lunch club!

OFSTED registered and members of the Early Years Alliance

For more information or to arrange a tour, contact 07729 499508 or email manager@kingswoodpreschoolgroup.co.uk

KINGSWOOD PRE-SCHOOL GROUP
Registered Charity Number 1045792

Consultation on new Family Hub Services in Kent

You may have taken part in our previous Community Services Consultation about what Children's Centres and Youth Hub buildings we keep. Now we need to hear your views on what services you need as we develop Family Hub Services.

We are seeking residents' views in an 8-week consultation closing on 13 September 2023.

Kent was identified as a Transformation Authority and selected by the government as a Trailblazer for the national Family Hubs and Start for Life Programme in October 2022. The programme will support the council to transform Children's Centre services, Youth Services, Health Visiting, and work alongside Community-based midwifery care, bringing them together and making them easier to access.

Family Hub Services will offer support to children and families from conception through to age 19, or up to 25 for children with special education needs or disabilities.

This consultation also includes a proposal to stop funding the youth clubs and activities currently commissioned by KCC but run by non-KCC organisations. This is due to the financial pressures the council is facing. This means that some activities and clubs would stop unless the organisations are able to find alternative funding. We are keen to hear from service users how the proposed changes might affect them.

For full information and to tell us what you think about our proposals visit www.kent.gov.uk/familyhubservices

I can be contacted during normal office hours at exechead@aspire-kent.org.uk. However all responses to the letter received about the proposed Multi Academy Trust should be sent to Annie Allum, Chair of Governors via your child's school office.

Wishing you all sunshine filled family weekends,

Kind regards,

Emma Hickling

Executive Headteacher