



Friday 29th January 2021

Dear parents,

I am writing to you at the end of the fourth week of term - well done for surviving home schooling, or working and bringing your child to Kingswood and just life in general in a pandemic. I know for me this lockdown has been the hardest so far, but this could be because three week ago my grandson Jacob was born and I am yet to meet him!

Fair share - Tesco donations of food

We had our first donation of food from Tesco's on Tuesday, which consisted of vegetables, fruit, and bakery goods. We were glad that some of the families could put the donation to good use. I have now secured a slot for a donation from another Tesco on a Sunday, so this will be at school on a Monday morning. Collection on both a Monday and Tuesday will be between 11-12pm or at pick up time for those parents with children at Kingswood. We will continue to text when we receive the donations so that you are aware that donations are available.

Weekly testing of staff for Covid 19

The staff who are in school - team A and a back-up team Team B have all tested twice this week using the rapid lateral tests. All tests have been negative and Team A have been able to attend school. The reason for testing a back-up team is so that in event of any positive result, another member of staff can replace them.

Numbers of children attending school

Our bubbles are almost full at Kingswood, using the cap of 20 that I have applied to keep everyone safe. Thank you to those parents who contacted me after my letter last week. The only bubble that now has places is the year R/1 bubble.

If you need a place for your child at Kingswood as you are a key/ critical worker or your family has an attached social worker or your child has an EHCP please contact me at exehead@aspire-kent.org.uk and I will try my best to assist you.

Half term and INSET day

The week beginning Monday 15th February is half term and all ASPIRE schools will be closed to all pupils. We have received an email from the DFE this week which has let us know that we don't have to remain open. After half term we have an INSET day on Monday 22nd February so the schools will also be closed on that day. Kingswood will open again on Tuesday 23rd February. Remote education will also begin again on Tuesday 23rd February for term 4.

The latest from the government is that schools will not be open to all pupils again until at least the 8th March

Reports

Teachers will be writing the children's annual reports as usual next term so they are sent out to parents just before Easter. Due to school closure and the delivery of remote education to many children we have adapted the format, so that it will clearly identify the children's strengths and next steps in a subject. We are also identifying the Early years report due to the changes to the curriculum this year.

Wishing you all restful family weekends,

Kind regards

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