



Tuesday 23rd February 2021

### Schools fully reopen - Monday 8th March 2021

Dear parents,

I am writing to you following the announcement yesterday that schools will reopen on Monday 8th March 2021. This is good news for the children and I am sure for you as parents.

Obviously schools are still far from the places they were pre March 2020, and we will still have the safety measures in place that we had in the autumn term. I shall remind you of these in this letter. In addition to those measures we will also be testing the temperature of all staff and children upon their arrival - this will be familiar to those of you whose child has attended Kingswood at any point since January.

Please read the following carefully so you and your child/ren know what to expect when we return a week on Monday.

#### Temperature checking

Every child must be brought to the school gate/ door by an adult. The adult must stay with the children while their temperatures are checked. The thermometers we use will take the temperature from a child's wrist/ back of their neck as is the NHS guidelines. If the display displays green the child may enter school. If it is amber or red, you will be asked to step aside for 5 minutes and return for retesting, if it displays amber or red again - you will be required to take your child home. Staff will also have their temperatures checked daily.

#### Staff testing

All staff will be carrying out lateral flow covid tests at home on a Sunday and a Wednesday and will be required to remain at home and attend a test centre if they test positive. Bubbles may also be closed in this instance pending the outcome of a covid test. If this is negative all children and staff will be able to return to school, if positive school will advise which staff and pupils must isolate. Staff who have tested positive for covid within the last 90 days will start testing after this period.

### Face coverings

Parents and carers are required to wear a face covering at drop off and pick up. Children are not required to wear face coverings. Staff will be wearing them when outside of their own classroom.

### Trips, visitors, clubs and whole school events

Clubs - the only clubs which are able to be open are those that their purpose is childcare - this means that the morning breakfast clubs at Kingswood and Leeds and Broomfield will be running as normal. No other clubs will be taking place.

Trips - the children will not be taking part in any trips this term, this will be reviewed at Easter for the summer term

Visitors - we will not be having any visitors into school unless necessary i.e. maintenance and IT support. Parents are not able to enter the school building and must communicate by phone or email.

Events - no whole school events will be happening until at least Easter, this includes assemblies, worship ( which will be held in bubbles), PTA events and other events. We will advise regarding the summer term nearer the time.

### Drop off and pick up

This will stay staggered as it was in in the autumn term - please see below for a reminder of timings

All children need to be dropped off to the door of the building they are in – no parents are to enter any school building

Kingswood – all children to be picked up and dropped off via their classroom door

Ulcombe – all children to be picked up and dropped off by their gate to the playground

Leeds – Hedehogs to be dropped off and picked up in the early years outside area, squirrels – door to the huts, badgers, from the playground

Children cannot all come in the red door as bubbles would mix

PH – years 4/5.6 – dropped off and picked up from to bottom of ramp to classroom

Years R/1 – dropped off and picked up from outside areas through side gate

Years 2/3- dropped off to and picked up from steps to entrance to main building

Kingswood	Drop off	Pick up	Leeds and Broomfield	Drop off	Pick up
Years R,1,2	9-9.15am	3-3.15 pm	Year R,1,2	8.45-9am	3-3.15pm
Years 3,4,5,6	8.45- 9am	3.15-3.30 pm	Year 3,4,5,6	8.30-8.45am	3.15-3.30pm
Platts Heath	Drop off	Pick up	Ulcombe	Drop off	Pick up
Years R,1,2	9-9.15am	3-3.15 pm	Years R,1,2	9-9.15am	3-3.15 pm
Years 3,4,5,6	8.45- 9am	3.15-3.30 pm	Years 3,4,5,6	8.45- 9am	3.15-3.30 pm

### Break times and lunchtimes

These will also be staggered - please see below for a reminder of how it works.

These need to be staggered so that pupils and staff from the different bubbles do not mix.

Kingswood	Break time	Lunch time	Ulcombe	Break time	Lunch time
Key stage 1	10-10.15 am	Hall 12- 12.40pm Play time 12.40- 1.10pm	Years R/1/2/3	10-10.15a m	Hall 12- 12.40pm Play time 12.40- 1.10pm
Key stage 2	10.30-10.45 am	Playtime 12.10-12.40pm Hall – 12.40pm	Years 4/5/6	10.30-10.45	Playtime 12.10-12.40pm Hall – 12.40pm
Platts Heath and Leeds and Broomfield	Break time	Lunch time	dinner are delivered and we have no way of keeping them hot. So lunch time will have to be divided into school dinners and packed		

Years R/1/2/3	10- 10.15am	12.10-1 2.40 School dinners – socially distance d in room/ perhaps in two rooms in PH Playtim e 12.40-1. 10 Half playground each bubble – marked by cones	lunches with bubbles separated on the play ground via cones
Years 4/5/6	10.30-10. 45 am	Packed lunches Playtime 12.10-12.40 – bubbles – play two halves of the playground 12.40- 1.10 – lunch – use of two rooms one for each bubble	

### Equipment and PE kit

All children in years 3,4,5,6 need their own pencil case, with pencils, pens, ruler rubber and a sharpener. Children in key stage 1 will be provided with equipment

All children having packed lunches will need their own lunch box and water bottle

On the day that children are taught PE we encourage them to come in their PE kit and wear this for the day - this can be jogging bottoms with their school tshirt and sweatshirt in colder weather. Your child/rens teacher will be able to let you know when they have PE.

### Lunches

School dinners will be available when schools fully reopen on Monday 8th March.

### Curriculum

The children will be engaged in an active learning curriculum for the first week back in school - the week beginning Monday 8th March. This week will feature the learning opportunities we haven't been able to provide over google classroom - practical maths, science investigations, PE and team building, and lots of creative learning. The staff and I are working on a plan for this week at the moment and will be able to share more details nearer the time. This week will also help us to support the children to readjust to attending school.

The children will return to the standard curriculum on Monday 15th March.

### Attendance

From Monday 8th March, attendance at school is mandatory for all pupils, unless your child has been advised to shield by the government.

I hope the above provides you with the information you need. I apologise for the length of the letter! I will be writing my usual letter on Friday so will include any additional information then. If you do have any questions please do contact me on [exehead@aspire-kent.org.uk](mailto:exehead@aspire-kent.org.uk)

Kind regards,  
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