



Friday 28th May 2021

Dear parents,

We have reached half term, after what seems like an incredibly busy term. I know the staff and I will be glad of the break and I am sure the children will too. Today's letter gives details of how to order the new uniform, information about swimming, trips and wrap-around care.

#### School uniform - September 2021

As you know from my previous letters our uniform is changing. The guidance is available on all four school websites. You have as stated before a year's grace to change over to the new uniform, as it will become policy in September 2022.

In line with the new law that has been passed by the government about making uniforms affordable, the only item we ask you to purchase from the uniform providers is the hooded sweatshirt/ jacket. If you are opting for your child to have the traditional uniform as well they will also need the sweatshirt/ cardigan. All other items can be purchased from the suppliers as well as in supermarkets and other local shops.

A reminder:

Active uniform: All children must have the logoed hooded sweatshirt/ jacket in the correct colour for their school.

This can then be worn with a white t-shirt/ logoed white shirt, with black jogging bottoms, sports leggings, shorts or a skirt - all items available with a logo from Brigade the uniform suppliers.

Traditional uniform (optional): This uniform can only be worn on non PE days and is an optional purchase. All children choosing to wear this uniform must wear the logoed sweatshirt or cardigan in the correct school colour. This should then be worn with black trousers/ skirt/ shorts or pinafore dress, and a white polo shirt. A checked dress in the school colours can be worn in the summer. Logoed polo shirts are available from Brigade.

How to order uniform:

Visit [http://www.brigade.uk.com/content.php?page=select\\_school&for=parents](http://www.brigade.uk.com/content.php?page=select_school&for=parents)

Then type in the name of your child's school



This will then bring you to the ordering page for that school



Scroll down and you will see the items that are available to order



Click on an item and you can choose the size and add to basket



Items are only available on line and must be ordered by the website. Please contact your school office if you have any questions.

### Swimming

Swimming will restart in September, and will take place at Sutton Valence Independent school who have agreed that we can use their pool free of charge! The children will be transported using the Aspire minibus therefore keeping the cost very low for parents. The children will be taught to swim by our own staff - Mrs Steer and Mrs Cannell who are both qualified swimming teachers. Leeds and Broomfield and Ulcombe will have swimming lessons in terms 1-3 and then Kingswood and Platts Heath will follow in terms 4-6. The lessons will be offered to pupils in years 3 and 4 who have not achieved 25m. More information will follow next term as details are finalised.

### Wrap around Care

Breakfast club and after school club for childcare will be available at both Kingswood and Leeds and Broomfield from September.

Breakfast club will run from 7.30am - 8.45 am at a cost of £3.50 with breakfast included. After school club will run from 3pm - 6pm with a staggered pricing structure - £3.50 until 4pm, £7.50 until 5pm and £10 until 6pm. A light tea of sandwiches/ crumpets and fruit will be included. I will be sending a letter once we have confirmed staffing next term with details of how to book a place.

### Trips

Two trips have been organised for next term, one for year 6 only to Otterden and a forest school experience for all children later in the term. Year 6 will be bringing a letter home today regarding their trip

### Tesco Fareshare

We have decided to stop the donations from Tesco's as the supplies were not always reliable and because of the items sent we were then having to bin some of it, which goes against the principle of it. We are glad we were able to benefit from the charity over several months and hope that you enjoyed the produce.

All families with children who receive income related free school meals should have received their supermarket vouchers for the half term. Please contact the school office if you have any queries.

### Thank you

I would like to thank all of my team in the four Aspire schools for their hard work and dedication this term. It has been incredibly busy with a relentless amount of work, however we have kept on keeping on and will be very glad of the break next week.

### Lateral flow testing

The staff will continue to carry out their rapid Covid tests next week and I am on call so will be in touch if we receive any positive results. If your child tests positive during half term please contact me at [exechead@aspire-kent.org.uk](mailto:exechead@aspire-kent.org.uk) or on 07599 801236 so that I can make sure the right people isolate. This is particularly important with the rising numbers of the Indian Variant.

Lastly, a huge thank you to both you and the children for your support and hard work this term. I hope you all have lovely sunshine filled half terms.

Kind regards

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