



Kingsway Infant School

Celebrating 50 Years

Updates for March 2021

Dear parents/carers,

As I am sure you are aware, the government has announced that schools will reopen to all pupils on March 8th. We are very much looking forward to welcoming back more of our pupils to face-to-face education. We have really missed you! We have made a little video to remind everyone what it is like in our school and to show how pleased we are to welcome everyone back.

Video Link: <https://youtu.be/v0iXl3zAKY8>

Although we are all excited to be fully back to school we all know that Covid 19 has not gone away and we need to be mindful that a surge in infections could occur if people do not follow the rules.

As a reminder, your child should self-isolate and not come to school if they:

- > Have coronavirus symptoms or have tested positive
- > Live with someone who has symptoms or have tested positive
- > Are a close contact of someone who has tested positive

We will continue to follow our comprehensive 26 page Risk Assessment. The main points are listed below:

- Staggered start and finish times
- Following NHS handwashing/sanitizing guidance Hands/Face/Space
- Children remaining in their class bubbles indoors.
- Reception children will follow their curriculum and the guidance for Early Years
- In Key Stage 1 when sitting at tables indoors children are facing forward to reduce the chance of transmitting any germs to each other.
- All children may spend some time outdoors within their year group bubbles at lunch/playtime.
- Staff are wearing masks around school, and where it is not possible to remain 2m or more apart.
- All of our staff are testing at home using rapid flow tests twice a week and reporting results directly to the school, as well as uploading to the government website for track and trace purposes.
- Lunches are in class bubbles as before. Yr2 use the sunshine room. Reception use one side of the hall. All furniture is then disinfected and Yr 1 use the opposite side of the hall.
- Catering staff are included in the testing regime in line with all other school staff.
- Only essential visitors are being allowed onsite. They must follow our strict guidelines.
- School staff are providing before and after school care to ensure no additional risks are taken with visiting sports coaches/clubs etc. A massive thank you to all staff for this.
- Mr Jowett is continuing with piano lessons – some have been via zoom this term but we have a safe system worked out in school too. He has kindly offered an after school music club until the end of the summer term so that children can learn a performance piece and have fun with music without bringing in an outside company.
- If your child is required to shield please let us know so that we can still provide some access to home learning via Marvellous Me/work packs etc.

Entrances and timings

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| Reception – Drop off at 8:45am Collection – 2:45pm | Gate A – Car Park Entrance |
| Year 1 – Drop off at 8:50am Collection – 2:45pm | Gate B – Playground Entrance |
| Year 2 drop off at 8:45am Collection 3:00pm | Gate B – Playground Entrance |

Attendance

From 8 March, school attendance will be mandatory and our usual rules on attendance will apply.

In line with the latest government guidance, pupils who are clinically extremely vulnerable should not attend school. If your child is in this group, they should continue to learn from home until further notice.

Please forward a copy of your child's shielding letter where appropriate.

Practical stuff

Children should return to school in uniform. We have some clean, high quality, donated items if you are struggling because your child has outgrown theirs. Please talk to the office to see if we can help.

PE kit for all children comprises white T-shirt, black shorts, black jogging bottoms, white socks and black plimsoles or trainers.

PLEASE get Velcro ones unless your child can do them up for themselves 😊

Remember everyday;

Water Bottle – (with fresh water)

Coat + jumper – some days it is cold in class as the windows are open for ventilation

Summer Hat / Winter Hat and gloves (depending on weather)

Book Bag

Reading Book, Reading Record and Library Book

Sun cream should be applied at home (if it is likely to be sunny)

PE Days – please make sure to wear your PE kit to school on your classes PE day.

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| Monday | Year 1 Blue and Purple |
| Tuesday | Year 2 Yellow Class |
| Thursday | Reception Orange and Red Year 2 Green Class |

Lockdown has had it's highs and lows for all of us but we'd like to thank you for your continuing support throughout. Many of you have done a brilliant job at home learning. Some have found it harder with home working etc. We have ordered loads of art stuff to inspire us all and to launch our celebration of learning for the rest of the school year. 50 years of Kingsway Infants!

But remember it's ok to not be ok. If you or your child have any concerns about returning to school, or if you think your child might need extra support when they return, please get in touch with your child's class teacher or Miss Byrne our whole school Deputy Head and INCo. Miss Byrne is sending out a survey by the end of this week, so we can plan any interventions/therapies/support work to start after Easter.

If I have forgotten anything please let us know, we are always happy to help.

See you Monday!

Caroline T-Walmsley

School Trip

**We have just booked a whole school trip to Whipsnade zoo for the summer term!
Cost and details to follow.**