



Parent 20 Clicks
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Term 2



Dear Parents / Carers



Our students continue to show immense levels of pride and ambition - each and every day. Thank you for all your ongoing support here.

Next week marks the roll out of phase 2 of the Kingsdown Digital strategy meaning that every student in the school will have access to a Chromebook to support their learning in and outside of the classroom. Again, thank you for supporting this important initiative.

Wishing you all a peaceful weekend.

Mrs Leigh-Bennett & the Kingsdown Team

Year 7 parents



Thank you for all of your support and daily check ins with us whilst our year 7 bubble has been out.

A reminder that they must continue to isolate until the 7th December.

We look forward to welcoming you back on the 8th December.

Mrs Criddle

Parents Evening



Due to current social distancing regulations we will be unable to hold our usual parents evenings at present. In replacement of this, we are introducing a new method of sharing information with you to ensure you are able to support your son/daughter.

The Parent Forum will be a live session run remotely where you will be able to dial in to access information to support your child. The content of this session will be decided by you. You will be asked to complete a form to let us know what information you would find helpful.

We are trialing this in the first week of term 3 with year 11 and the session will be recorded and uploaded to the website for reference. After the initial introduction, there will be break out sessions which you can access to allow you to select what sessions you attend. We will be collecting feedback following the event and hope to continue this across other year groups if it is well received.

Christmas Jumper Day

**Friday 11th December
£1 donation**



Students must wear correct school uniform e.g. trousers/skirt with the jumper. This is not a non uniform day.

Students may choose not to wear a Christmas jumper and should therefore wear their full correct uniform.

Money raised will be split between Save the Children and the mayor's charity

Friday 18th December- last day of term arrangements



Full correct school uniform must be worn on the last day of term.

Tutor- Normal tutor time

Period 1- Normal lesson

Period 2- Normal lesson

Break

Period 3- Tutor time

Departures

Year 7- 12pm, Year 8- 12:10pm, Year 9- 12:10pm,

Year 10- 12:20pm, Year 11- 12:20pm

Term 3 begins for all students on Tuesday 5th January 2021

You must stay safe!

***If you can't keep your space,
put a mask on your face!***



Help prevent coronavirus



Wash your hands



Cover mouth if coughing or sneezing



Avoid touching your face



Keep surfaces clean



Stop shaking hands and hugging



Keep a safe distance

The virus spreads in sneeze and cough droplets, so regularly taking the above measures helps reduce the chance of it spreading.

Road safety



Last week we ran assemblies on road safety particularly when students are on their way to/from school. This is aimed at students who walk and cycle to and from school.

Please ensure that your child is adhering to the Kingsdown school cycling permit framework. They must follow the highway code and behave in a safe and sensible manner.

We have also had reports of students not crossing the roads safely. We remind students regularly on how to keep themselves safe whilst walking to and from school. Your support in enforcing these messages is hugely appreciated.



Cycling safety

Next week we will be doing an audit of bike permits. Please can we remind parents of the expectations for students cycling to school:

Students who have applied for a cycle permit MUST:

- Wear a helmet whilst riding to and from school
- Cycle **without** wearing headphones
- Ensure they dismount their bicycle at the top of the drive way and walk it to the bike storage
- Lock their bike and helmet securely in the storage area
- Service their bike regularly to ensure brakes/tyres etc are safe for road use
- Ensure bikes are fitted with lights in preparation for winter months
- Cycle sensibly on the journey, using cycle paths and on the correct side of the road, obeying the highway code

Safeguarding

School based social worker project

Monday 7th December marks the start of a fantastic project that we are involved in with Swindon Borough Council. We have been selected to be part of a national project to have a social worker placed within our school. There are 7 other schools in Swindon who are also part of the project. The project is managed by [What Works for Children's Social Care](#) and is an extension of their original pilot. Results and findings can be found in the above link.

The aim of the project is provide early support to children and families within our school community and build a closer relationship between school and social care. Our social worker is called Richard Griffiths who will be fully inducted and embedded into our school ethos, culture and processes. Richard is an experienced social worker who has a good understanding of Swindon and our context. He is really looking forward to working with us and supporting our children and families.

Should you have any worries or concerns about a child, please continue to contact on of our safeguarding leads:

Shontelle Magenty, Assistant Headteacher, Designated safeguarding lead

Karen Agambar, Child Protection Coordinator, Deputy Safeguarding lead

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