



Parent 20 Clicks

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Term 2



Dear Parents / Carers



We have been really impressed with the way in which our students returned this week. Thank you for your support here. They have listened and acted upon our expectations especially around our revised and improved COVID requirements. We were pleased to review your child's ATL data this week, and there have been tremendous improvements across all year groups in the school.

Thank you for taking the time to read through this week's edition and share these messages with your child.

If you have any questions, please, as always, don't hesitate to get in touch. With very best wishes

Mrs Leigh-Bennett & the Kingsdown Team



Challenging Times as we enter a 2nd period of Lockdown

On Monday we had 6 teachers out of school. We were able to secure two cover teachers to support our teaching team of 46 teachers. That said, the staffing for the day was very tight.

As we enter a period of further challenge, I wanted to share with you a genuine risk for Kingsdown namely that more than 7 or 8 teachers out at once will mean that one year group will need to be asked to study from home for a day. Naturally work will be set for students and we will give our parents as much notice as possible were this closure for a day to be needed.

We are hopeful that we will continue to have all our teachers in school every day but I wanted to share this potential scenario with you sooner rather than later. My thanks for your understanding.

Mrs Leigh-Bennett

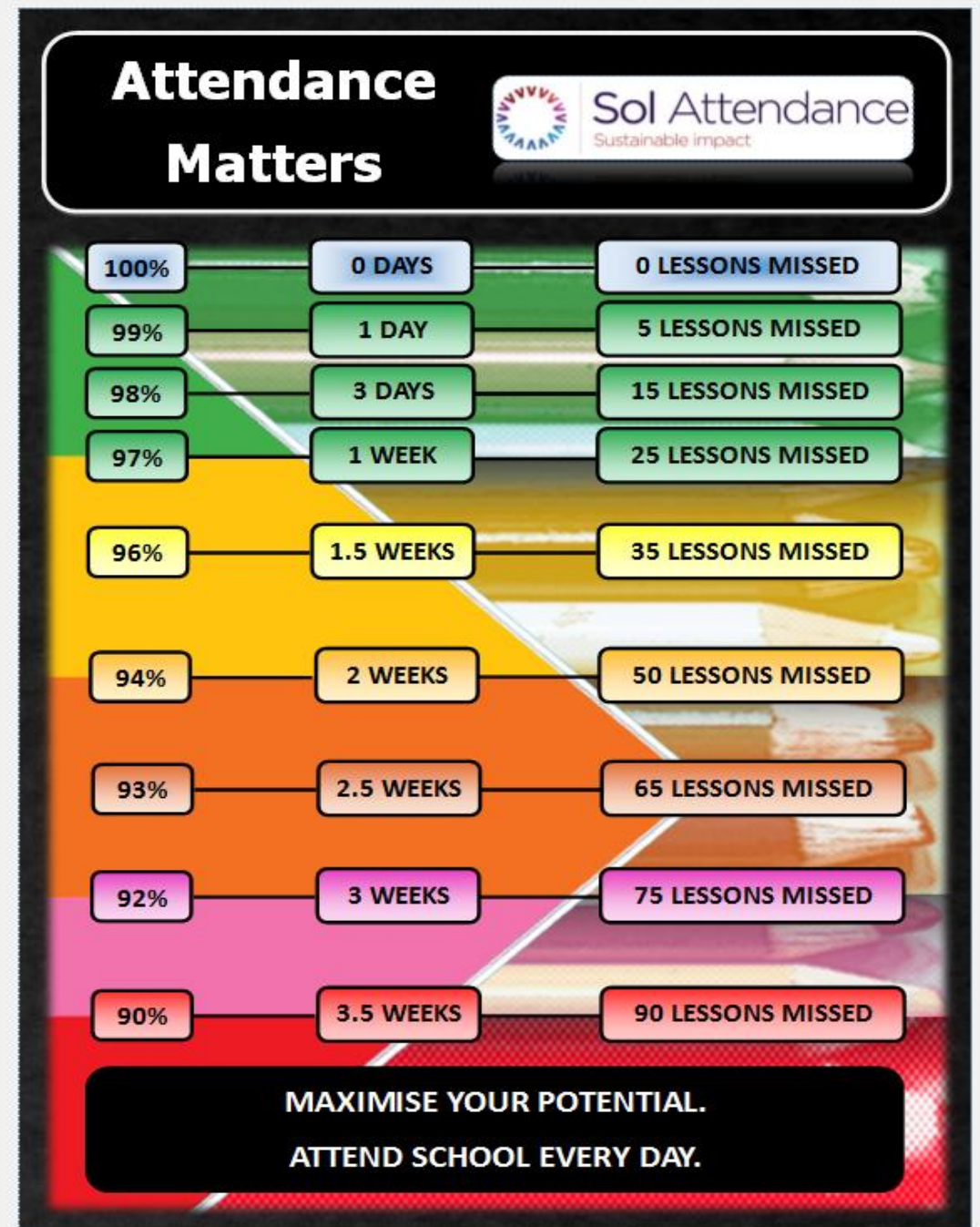
For information

Attendance

Thank you for supporting your child's attendance.

The Kingsdown School Attendance Matters chart shows the number of lessons your child misses if their attendance drops.

Attendance really does matter. We ask that if your child is well, they attend school each and every day.





We continue to keep up to date with the Government guidance and closely monitor the behaviour of students in school.

This week we have updated our expectations to students and staff to reflect the recent announcement about face coverings being worn in communal areas.

Should your child wish to, they can of course wear their mask in class however, we do ask that you supply them with several so they can be changed throughout the day and washed / replaced each day for hygiene reasons.

COVID update

Expectations at Break & Lunch

We champion each and every student

In the Classroom

You sit in rows, all forward facing

This is considered *LOWER RISK*

- *You are not facing another person directly*



At Break & Lunch

You have been stood in huddles

This is considered *HIGHER RISK*

- *You are facing another person directly, very close together and for quite some time*



From Today

At break & lunch time
Masks must be worn
unless you are
eating/drinking.

This is for the safety of
you, your friends, your
family and our staff



THANK YOU FOR WEARING **A MASK**



Remembrance - 11th November 2020

On Wednesday, we will stop for 2 minutes at 11:11am to observe the Armistice day silence. If your child is a cadet, they are invited to wear their cadet uniform to school on Wednesday 11th as a mark of respect to our Armed Forces and all those that have fallen.

We encourage students to wear their poppy with pride to show support for this day.

Student Leadership at Kingsdown School



This week we have launched the Leadership Ladder for our students which encourages them to develop skills as part of our programme of student leadership. This can be found in the light green pages at the front of the student planner.

We have held elections across the school to learn about democracy and also to elect members of each tutor group to join the 4 committees and are looking forward to sharing results next week.



The next 3 slides help to explain what will happen were your child to be absent from school and how Kingsdown will support them with their learning.

COVID closure - the sending home of a year group bubble



Were there to be the need for Kingsdown to send home a year group bubble for two weeks, the school will be providing your child with two weeks worth of home learning.

In years 7 to 10, your child would leave the school with a folder containing booklets to complete. For year 11, work will be uploaded to Google Classroom. Additionally, their tutors would be in contact with their tutees every week. You and your child are asked to check and sign off that they have followed their timetable each day and completed their learning. Teachers will sign off that all the booklets have been completed on their return to Kingsdown.

Thank you for your continued support.

More info will follow if we are instructed by PHE to send a year group bubble home.

The setting of work for COVID related issues - if your child needs to self-isolate for between 3 - 14 days



Here the school will be providing work for your child to complete. This will be sent home via your child's Progress Leader / be available via Satchel One.

Your child's Progress Leader will be in contact / check in with them over the period when they are absent from school.

Thank you for your daily support in checking that your child is completing this learning.

If you choose to keep your child at home without being ill/self isolating



We need your support in ensuring that your child comes to school each and every day and accesses all the first class teaching in their lessons.

If you are choosing not to send your child into school, students will not be set work or have access to the lessons taught by their teachers. They will have access to the usual home learning tasks as set via Satchel One.

We remind you, that under these circumstances this absence will be unauthorised.

If you have any questions, do please get in touch.

Thank you for ensuring your child attends each and every day.

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.

Safeguarding - NSPCC Seeking Solutions Information for Parents and Carers



Seeking Solutions offers children and young people help and support to deal with problems that are affecting their life, happiness or wellbeing. The service is led by the young person, working alongside their support network, where possible, to improve their confidence, skills and strengths, so they are better prepared to cope with any future problems.

How it works

Seeking Solutions helps your child to set their own goal(s) for the future.

During the sessions, we'll help them work out how they can achieve their goal(s) by:

- talking about what they want to change in their life
- helping them to work out what needs to happen to make things better
- giving them control over the support they receive, including where and when the sessions will happen
- working out if they would like anyone to help or support them during the sessions.

What can Seeking Solutions help with?

It can help your child address a range of problems which could be affecting their life, including:

- problems with relationships
- peer pressure, bullying or problems with friends
- family issues
- coping with feelings like anger, sadness or rejection
- low self-confidence
- issues at school
- personal safety
- coping with stress
- managing anxiety.

Who can use this service?

- Seeking Solutions is for children between 7 and 18 years. Your child can be referred up to their 19th birthday.
- Children and young people living with their parents.
- Children in care or children who live with a foster family or guardian that isn't their birth parents.

Is it confidential?

Seeking Solutions offers a confidential service to children and young people.

This means that what your child talks about in their sessions will not be shared with others without your child's consent, unless it becomes apparent that either your child or someone else is at risk. If this happens, we would need to take steps to address it. We would always explain to your child why

How do I get the service?

You can contact your local NSPCC service centre directly or you can ask someone you know to contact the NSPCC for you. Your nearest service centre:

How do I get the service?

If you are not sure if Seeking Solutions is right for you, but want to talk to someone, contact Childline.

Can I attend sessions with my child?

The Seeking Solutions practitioner will talk with your child at the start of the work about who, if anyone, they would want to involve in the support they receive. This might include:

- having their parent, carer or person they trust attending sessions with them
- talking with the young person's parent, carer or person they trust about how the work is going out of the sessions
- providing one-to-one sessions with your child.

Support for you

The Seeking Solutions practitioner can offer support to you and your child together to work on shared goals. The practitioner can also offer you individual sessions to help you support your child during the work.

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