

Parent 20 Clicks

COVID-19 Update

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families are continuing to stay well and safe. We continue to face uncertainty at this time and I hope that the questions and answers that we have been sharing about how your child's education will be affected by the school closure have been reassuring.

As before and always, we are here for all our families - do let us know if there is anything we can do to support you further via emailing head@kingsdownschool.co.uk. We will continue to get back to you within 48 hours.

For now wishing you and your family a peaceful second week to Easter break.

Mrs Leigh-Bennett

FSM Voucher - FAQs



Please find below the link to the FAQs for FSM Vouchers.

[FAQ](#)

Edenred are currently doing their best to get voucher codes out to parents as soon as they can, but are experiencing some delays. Thank you in advance for your patience here while they work through an unprecedented volume of orders.

Safeguarding your children - Who can I contact if I am worried about my child?



Over this period, our safeguarding procedures remain the same. Should you be concerned about the welfare of your child, we are available to provide support and advice.

Issues that may arise are:

- Concerns about mental health
- Online/cyber bullying
- Peer on peer abuse (bullying)
- Managing relationships within your family



SHARP
Confidential
Incident
Reporting

The safeguarding team comprises of:

The Designated Safeguarding Lead: Ms S Magenty

Deputy Safeguarding Lead: Karen Agambar.

Both can be contacted via SHARPs or cp@kingsdownschool.co.uk

The SHARPs link is found at the bottom of the school website homepage



Safeguarding - Useful support

Using more energy at home?

You may be worried about topping up meters or more electricity is being used because everyone is home.

BRITISH GAS

If you're unable to do this, and you haven't got anyone to help you, please call 0330 100 0303 Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm and we'll help you.

EDF: Call 0330200 5110. They also operate a friendly, non-disconnection policy on most meters. So if you run out of credit after 6pm, your electricity will not go off until 9am the next day. This operates from 6pm- 9am Monday to Friday, 6pm on Saturday and any time on a Sunday or bank holiday, until 9am the next day.



Safeguarding - Useful support

Community support

Swindon Borough Council have a Live Well Hub and a compassionate Swindon group that have set up 'Here for Swindon'. You can make contact using the following address:

www.swindon.gov.uk/HereForSwindon

Help includes:

- council tax relief information,
- Information about volunteer support
- Housing support
- Bus pass support
- Parking options for key workers
- Access to the online library

Safeguarding - Support from school nursing team



We are aware that it is a very anxious time and there may be concerns about where to access support in coming weeks. The school nursing service are here to support you during this time.

They have set up a **confidential telephone** drop-in service Monday - Friday 12pm - 2pm. Any young person that would like to call and speak to a qualified nurse on the end of the phone can call 0300 247 0090. Monday to Friday.

They also have their **CHAT health** text service so that you can text a school nurse for advice or support for any health issues or worries, again this is confidential and you don't need to give your name. The number is 07480 635513

SEND support



We realise that at this difficult time, there will be lots of parents trying to think of things that can do to occupy their children at home.

Here are some tips that might help:

- Create a timetable to complete tasks from show my homework
- Keep learning to short bursts and don't worry if you don't get through all of the work.
- Get creative! Do some family baking, play games together,
- Enjoy the garden or outdoor space if you have it. If you don't have a garden, go out together for a walk or bike ride.

Swindon Borough Council is working with Swindon SEND families voice to ensure that information and questions are shared regularly. Information to support families during the COVID 19 crisis can be found on.

<https://swindon.mylifeportal.co.uk/content/send-local-offer/landing-pages/what-is-the-local-offer-landing-and-content-pages/updates-from-the-send-service-coronavirus/>



Learning at Home: Over the Easter break

We do hope that you have been enjoying the Easter Activities offered for the Easter break. They were designed to be fun, engaging and in some cases enjoyed by the whole family.

As a staff we have very much enjoyed the pictures of your Easter cakes, painted eggs and designs for Kitchen Gadgets.

Please keep sending in your photos and videos. Rewards will follow in the new term.

Learning at Home: Over the Easter break



The Easter Activities will be posted each week on SMHW but to support a quick access, please follow this link:

Easter Activities

If you are unable to access SMHW please follow these instructions:

Go to the parent section of the school website and watch the video under HOMEWORK. Alternatively, download the app - you will only ever need your school e mail address and school log in password. If you have forgotten these, please e mail your progress leader.



Learning at Home: After Easter

Thank you to the parents and carers who took part in the survey last week, we have found your feedback invaluable.

As a result staff will now all set tasks on a Friday to be completed the following week. This will enable students to follow their normal school timetable.

It has been wonderful to hear how many of our student have also been learning new life skills: baking, gardening and even ironing.

Further information regarding next term's curriculum will be posted next week.

Mrs Lindley



Parent queries:

If you need to contact the school with any query, please email head@kingsdownschool.co.uk or during the COVID-19 school closure or you can text 07860041670. As always we will aim to get back to you within 48 hours.

With our continued best wishes

Everyone at Kingsdown

Safeguarding- Keeping your child safe

Safeguarding continues to be our number 1 priority and this will not change over this next period. We want to make sure that you have the right information to ensure that your children are safe and should there be an issue or worry you are able to access the right advice and information at the right time. Below are some useful headlines for you:

Mental Health

Some children may have existing mental health concerns or may become very anxious during this period. STEM4 is a fantastic website that provides help and guidance for parents and children.

<https://stem4.org.uk/>

Safeguarding

Our safeguarding team will continue to work during this period and will be contable via the school website via SHARPs or on cp@kingsdownschool.co.uk . Alternatively Swindon Borough council have a variety of services available, these can be found via the Local Offer website : <https://localoffer.swindon.gov.uk/home>

Bereavement

During these unprecedented times there may be a need for support with coping with bereavement, there are a number of local charities who are able to support. They are:

<http://www.treehousewiltshire.org.uk/>

<https://www.winstonswish.org/>

Students will receive weekly safeguarding updates via Show My Homework

Thank you



Thank you to almost 400 families who took part in our parent survey last week.

Over 90% of you have developed some routine at home - great work, well done.

Thank you to those who also gave additional feedback, we will look through all the comments and reflect on how we can develop some of our processes as the new term begins.

Student Check ins over Easter



Tutors will be completing their check ins for the Easter Break on Tuesday 14th April.

Please ensure your child responds to the student online bulletin by 3pm on the 14th.

This applies to all students (including year 11) as this is our safeguarding check.

If we do not have a response, this will be followed up by a phone call.

Useful links for advice



NHS Website:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19>

• NHS 111 Online:

<https://111.nhs.uk>

• NHS Coronavirus Service:

<https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19>

• NHS Advice for travellers: www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/advice-for-travellers/

• PHE:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

Where can I get further advice?

• You can contact Ms Magenty smagenty@kingsdownschool.co.uk

or Mrs Brown hbrown@kingsdownschool.co.uk