

NEWSLETTER MAY 2021



Important COVID reminders:

As you are aware, there remains to be Government lockdown restrictions being imposed until June 21st at the earliest. We are still asking all visitors into our [school site](#) to wear masks or face coverings. Staff will also wear masks or visors in communal areas or when talking to parents or visitors.

You must inform school if your child has any symptoms relating to COVID. You will be required to isolate and arrange a COVID PCR test and report outcomes. Home Lateral flow tests are not to be used for primary aged pupils.

There has been a local rise in cases of the new Indian variant which has impacted upon Kings Academy. Whilst this is concerning, our pupils are still expected to attend school.

Improving communication & partnerships with parents and carers:

Parentpay is our main means of communication. We can send letters and information and you can make payments too for school dinners, uniform or trips. If you are not yet on **Parentpay** you can contact the office via email office@sunnyside.org.uk or 01642 596422

We also have a Facebook account and website for any other updates.

Home on line learning is in place should we have to partially close or fully close due to COVID. Please let us know if you do NOT have access to online facilities so that work packs/lap tops can go out too.

Free School Meals:

If your child has to isolate for any reason and is entitled to free school meals, our catering team will provide a food hamper each for each week of absence. The pastoral team will deliver these safely to your home.

Parent consultations:

Unfortunately, our usual face to face consultations will not be able to take place in July due to COVID restrictions. However, teaching staff will contact parents by telephone or online via Microsoft TEAMS or arrange discussions with you over the week beginning 12th July 2021. End of year reports will go out on Friday 9th July. These will be summary reports due to Spring lock down.

Summer Activities :

We would normally be sending out our list of summer events at this time for sports days, assemblies and performances etc. Sadly, we will be restricted in what we can do this year. With the new variant, we do not want to take unnecessary risks.

We will be having sports day events but parents/carers will not be able to attend. Although it's outside, we cannot offer toilet use or refreshments.

We will have a Y6 leavers disco and BBQ on **Wednesday 14th July** – 5.30pm – 6.45pm and will finalise arrangements for Y6 leavers presentations after June 21st to assess if parents can come safely on site for this or not.

New Reception starters:

For our nursery pupils who are starting Reception in September, we normally hold a meeting for new parents in the summer term and invite parents and their child to come and have lunch in the dining hall. Again, with restrictions we would be offering nursery lunch access but without parents. The Early Years team would support the children instead. A letter will be issued after half term explaining the arrangements for new starters.

Transition:

Arrangements and staffing are now being finalised for September. Due to pupil numbers we will have mixed year groups again next year – Y1, Y1/2, Y2, Y3, Y3/4, Y4, Y5, Y5/6, Y6. Your child's report will have their new teacher's name indicated. A meet the teacher event will happen in school on Monday 12th July – your child will have a short session with their new class and teacher.