

## September Parent Newsletter



Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>  
September 2021

### **Welcome back!**

It is lovely to see our families back safe and looking well after the summer break. We would also like to express a warm welcome to all our new families who are joining the school for the first time. We look forward to building positive relationships with you and your children.

Overall the children seem to be settling in well and the new reception pupils will be staying for hot school meals from next week and then starting to stay for the full school day from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September.

### **COVID – safety.**

The school is currently taking a cautious approach to ensuring a COVID- secure school environment, even though the government have lifted most of the restrictions. Classes are still operating as bubbles to minimise the risk of transmission particularly as the number of positive cases of Covid are on the increase across Harrow. We are still monitoring symptoms in school and conducting daily temperature checks on the pupils as they enter the school building in the morning.

In line with the guidance for schools, please be aware that to err on the side of caution if a child has a continuous cough in school or displays any of the symptoms associated with the virus we will be requesting that the child is collected from school and a PCR test to be taken. The school is within its rights to do so to minimise potential transmission.

Please also remember that if anyone in your house hold is self-isolating because they have contracted Covid, no one else in the house hold needs to self-isolate so any school age pupils need to continue to attend school. Any absence taken without a valid reason will be unauthorised as it is important that we avoid any further avoidable disruption to the children's learning.

Please keep reminding your children of the importance of frequent and thorough hand washing should be regular practice. The 'catch it', 'bin it', 'kill it', approach continues to be important.

More details below:

The risk assessment can be found on the school website.  
Some key points that you need to be aware of are:

- Staggered starts & end to the school day.
- Daily temperature checks when pupils enter the classroom and any pupil presenting with a temperature reading of 37.8 or above will be sent home to be monitored.
- In school we have installed hand sanitiser dispensers around the school environment, ensured there is hand washing facilities in all classes that have running water.
- Regular checks and restocking of the toilet areas throughout the day, ensuring a stock of paper towels and soap are always available.
- Alcohol based hand sanitiser dispensers are in all classrooms and basic antiseptic sprays are also available for immediate cleaning in all rooms, with PPE equipment available for staff should they choose to use it.
- Any child who displays any of the symptoms of the coronavirus will be placed in isolation until parents arrive to take their child home to be monitored and where applicable be tested for the virus.
- Your child will be taught in a class group and contact with pupils from other classes will be minimised.
- The pupils will be expected to wash their hands/sanitise on entry into the classroom and then regularly throughout the school day
- During lunch and break times the children will be kept separate from other learners from other classes as much as possible.
- We aim to minimise the amount of movement around the school by pupils during lesson times this includes visits to the toilets. **Please remind your child as will the staff that they need to go to the toilet at break and lunch times and avoid the need during lesson times (obviously we will not prohibit children from going to the toilet during lessons but to reduce cross infection and minimise risk it is desirable that they DO NOT!).**
- Children will be expected to wash their hands using soap and warm water for at least 30 seconds (the duration it takes to sing Happy Birthday twice)
- Rooms will be well ventilated.
- Pupils reminded to 'Catch a sneeze or cough in a tissue, kill it and bin it, then immediately wash or sanitise their hands or to use the crease of your arm if a tissue is not at hand'.
- **From the start of the term parents/unauthorised adults will not be allowed to enter the school building via classrooms or the main entrance/reception area,** to minimise the risk to other adults and pupils on the school site.
- The children will be provided with their own pencil cases containing stationary.
- Home learning/homework will continue to be posted on line to minimise the risk of transmission
- All parents/carers need to be registered for Class Dojo which will be the forum for communicating with the class teachers and also posting home learning.
- In the event of a second spike Class Dojo and MyUSO will continue to be the home learning platform for the school.
- Pupils well-being will be a strong focus at the start of the term and building up resilience to manage a whole school day of learning

We hope everyone makes a positive start to the school year and work together to ensure that all staff and pupils are kept safe and well.

As a school team we aim to continue to build on the numerous achievements of the pupils and the school from the previous year during 2020-21.

### **Safeguarding**

Please ensure that you phone and inform the school office staff if you have made alternative arrangement for someone to collect your child from the school. Provide their detail (name, gender and relationship to your or the child) and also ensure that they know the password. **We will not release to anyone who does not know the password.**

## Dates for your diary.

### What is coming up?

This term we aim to host some meetings for parents of pupils across the school. All the meetings will be held adhering to social distancing, adult visitors to the school site will be asked to wear face coverings for their own safety and protection. However, please also be mindful that we may need to cancel at short notice if the local rates of transmission become a concern!

Date	Year group	Activity	Time	Arrangements	Venue
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 1	Parents housekeeping meeting	Session 1: 4 – 4.50 p.m.	1 adult per child, 10 adults' maximum per class. Maximum 30 adults per meeting.	School hall
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 2	Parents housekeeping meeting	Session 3: 4 – 4.50 p.m.	1 adult per child, 10 adults' maximum per class. Maximum 30 adults per meeting.	School hall
Week beginning 27 <sup>th</sup> September	All year groups	World Book week		Promoting the love of reading activities throughout the week.	
October	All Year groups	Black History month		Activities throughout the month	
4 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 1 & 2	Maths parents workshop	9 a.m.	Details to be confirmed in the invitation letter.	School hall
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 1 & 2	One to one meet your child's new class teacher.  <b>Evening 1 of 2</b>	3.45 – 5.30 p.m.	A short introduction meeting with your child's class teacher. Meetings to be scheduled in the classrooms.	In the canteen
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 1 & 2	One to one meet your class teacher.  <b>Evening 2 of 2</b>	4 – 7 p.m.	A short introduction meeting with your child's class teacher. Meetings to be scheduled in the classrooms.	In the canteen
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	All year groups	Non-uniform day	All day	Children do not need to wear their school uniform and are asked to donate £1 toward the school fund for the privilege. <b>Theme to be confirmed.</b>	

## Co-opted Governor Vacancy

Dear Parents and Carers,

Kenmore Park Infant and Nursery school has one vacancy on its governing body. We are looking to appoint a co-opted Governor to join our Governing Body. The individual needs to have skills and expertise in either finance, premises management, legal, human resources or working in education. Our parent governors are very valuable members of the governing body. We rely on them to help us to keep in touch with what parents are thinking and to help us to decide what is best for all our pupils.

What are you required to do?

- Attend Full Governing Body meetings which are scheduled at 7 p.m. on Wednesday evenings and there is one meeting every half term (max 6 per year). All paperwork is sent out a week in advance of the meeting.
- Join at least one of the subcommittees who meet once each term as a minimum at 7 p.m. on a Wednesday evening at the school.
- You must have skills and areas of expertise and knowledge to support with the strategic planning and vision for the school
- The term of office is 4 years

If you are interested in becoming a co-opted governor please email in your CV to the school office email address, subject co-opted governor vacancy and a contact will be made by the school to arrange a question and answer session. Where there is more than one person interested we will review the gaps in the governors skills audit to identify which person has the most to offer at this time to the governing body based on their skills/expertise.

## COMPULSARY SCHOOL UNIFORM & PE UNIFORM CONVENES FROM SEPTEMBER!

Please be reminded that the school takes a hard line regarding compliance with the school uniform. It is parents' responsibility to ensure that their child is wearing the school uniform as stipulated in the school prospectus and website. On Wednesday's we require all children in Year 1 and 2 to wear the



schools PE uniform which comprises of **Grey joggers (Option of black shorts in the summer) a grey top and black trainers/plimsolls and not their own sportswear.** This uniform can also be worn for PE lessons, in line with their class timetables, on days other than Wednesday. All Uniform orders can be made via the Weduc App at the school shop.



It has been noted since the start of the school term that a number of children are not in the appropriate clothing and black shoes. Please respect the school's policy and practice by ensuring your child comes to school in the correct uniform.. We thank you in advance for your support and compliance.

Girls may wear Black or Grey Trousers too.  
White socks or grey tights  
Boys' black or grey socks.

Summer dress from April – July only

**Harrow Schools Counselling Partnership**  
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**Welcome back**

This school year we will be welcoming our new school based counsellor – Sylvia McCloud.

Out thanks to Sammantha Knight who has support the school as our Counsellor during lockdown and the pandemic.

Her details and some of the activities she plans to host for parents will be in a future edition. So look out for more details



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*The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you.*

*-B.B. King.*

**FREE SCHOOL MEAL ELIGIBILITY CHECK**

It is important that parents check their eligibility criteria as a number of parents found themselves to be eligible during lockdown they were then issued with free school meal vouchers which they could use to purchase food at supermarket of their choice. It is important that you check as it may be helpful in the event of a second spike!

Parents can check to see if they meet the eligibility criteria by following the instructions below:

**Step 1:** Login to the following website: <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk> (Free School Meal Eligibility Checker)

**Step 2:** Click – **Check eligibility**

**Step 3:** Click – **create an account** (Unless you already have an account in which case you go to return to your account and enter your password)

**Step 4: Create an account**

**Step 5:** On the drop down menu:

Local authority – select - **Harrow**

School – select – **Kenmore Park Infant & Nursery School.HA3 9JA**

**Step 6:** Read and accept the privacy notice **by ticking the box at the bottom of the page.**

**Step 7: Enter your details:**

**First name**

**Last name**

**Your date of birth**

**Your National Insurance number**

**Email address**

**Mobile number**

**Postcode**

**Get address: click on your address; house number etc**

**SUBMIT**

Once you have submitted the form you will receive a response in a couple of days confirming your status. If you are eligible, please forward the email to the school on the following email address:

**[office@kpins.harrow.sch.uk](mailto:office@kpins.harrow.sch.uk)**

### **After School Extra Curricular Clubs.**

This term until the situation changes re: COVID-19 pandemic we will not be resuming with all our usual extra-curricular after school clubs. We hope to resume them in the second half of the autumn term if safe to do so or the spring term 2022.