

March 2022 - Parent Newsletter



Tuesday 1st March 2022

LIVING with COVID-19

KPINS COVID update following the Prime Minister's announcement on the 21st February 2022.

Although the guidance has removed the legal duty for most Covid restrictions as part of our own school risk assessment we will still require parents to adhere to the following safe practice in order to minimise any further disruption to the children's education and minimise staff absence due to Covid.

Government changes	KPINS approach & expectations
From Monday 21 February, the Government is removing the guidance for staff and students in most education and childcare settings to undertake twice-weekly asymptomatic testing.	Staff at KPINS who test will continue until 1 st April with the regime of twice weekly testing.
Changes to self-isolation and daily testing of close contacts.	
From Thursday 24 February, the Government has removed the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test. Adults and children who test positive will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days, and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days.	Adults and children who test positive will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days, and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days. Similarly, those who display symptoms associated with COVID should stay at home.
No longer ask fully vaccinated close contacts and those aged under 18 to test daily for 7 days, and remove the legal requirement for close contacts who are not fully vaccinated to self-isolate.	No longer a requirement to conduct daily testing for 7 days following close contract with someone who has tested positive.

<p>End routine contact tracing. Contacts will no longer be required to self-isolate or advised to take daily tests. Staff, children and young people should attend their education settings as usual.</p> <p>This includes staff who have been in close contact within their household, unless they are able to work from home.</p>	<p>No requirement to self-isolate following close contact.</p> <p>However, continue to monitor if you start to experience any symptoms associated with COVID and adopt a cautious and common sense approach to avoid impacting on others.</p>
<p>End the legal obligation for individuals to tell their employers when they are required to self-isolate.</p>	<p>No legal obligation – but just common courtesy to inform employer.</p> <p>We would expect all staff in work to take the necessary steps to minimise impact on others by either staying at home or wearing a face covering and regularly washing /sanitising.</p>
<p>Face covering no longer a requirement.</p>	<p>Staff may continue to wear face covering for their own safety.</p> <p>We would ask where possible for parents to continue to operate with caution and wear face coverings on the school grounds and especially when entering the school building and visiting the school office.</p> <p>We would ask to use a face covering when approaching school staff to avoid and risk of potential transmission and disruption to children’s learning as a result of staff absence.</p>
<p>School attendance is mandatory for all pupils of compulsory school age. It continues to be a priority to ensure that as many children as possible are regularly attending school.</p>	<p>School will continue to monitor pupils but, will have no legal right to demand children are taken home related to Covid symptoms.</p> <p>The school expects parents would take a common sense approach and work with the school to minimise the disruption to children’s learning by taking their child home and monitoring their child’s condition.</p> <p>We will continue under safeguarding to require evidence to support any pupil absence as usual practice.</p>
<p>Other school specific practice in line with the schools’ risk assessment.</p>	
	<p>Pupil temperature checks will stop from Monday 7th March.</p>
	<p>Staggered starts and ends to the day will continue to the end of the academic year.</p>
	<p>We cannot demand that parents wear face coverings whilst on the school grounds anymore but, we would ask and encourage them to do so for their own and others well-being and safety.</p>
<p>From Friday 1 April, the Government will:</p>	
<p>No longer provide free to order universal</p>	<p>Staff will stop all routine twice weekly testing.</p>

symptomatic and asymptomatic testing for the general public in England.	
	The school will review its own school based risk assessment and provide parents with an update on operational expectations.

Staffing update.

In the February newsletter we announced that Miss Pennant our Early Years lead and Unicorn class teacher will be leaving us at the end of the spring term. She has secured an advisory teacher position with the Harrow hearing impairment term.

The good news is that we have appointed a new teacher who will become the new class teacher for Unicorn class – Miss. Tutt. She visited the school on Thursday 24th February and spent the day meeting with Miss. Pennant and the children.

Healthy Schools & Safeguarding

This term we will be launching the sugar smart campaign. So look out for information which will be coming your way in the coming weeks.

Dates for your diary.

What is coming up this term?

Date	Year group	Activity	Time	Arrangements	Venue
28 th February	Reception	Story telling presentation	Morning	In school event for the children only	School hall.
3 rd March	All Year groups	World Book Day		More information to follow nearer the time.	School
4 th March	Years 1 & 2	Story telling presentation	Morning	In school event for the children only	School hall.
Week beginning 7 th March	Nursery	Virtual – English parents workshop –		Focus of the workshop on Communication & Language	You Tube link to be provided.
7 th March	Year 1	Fire of London Workshop/ presentation	Morning	In school event for the children only	School hall.
14 th March	Year 2	World War 2 workshop/ presentation	Morning	In school event for the children only	School hall.
18 th March	All year groups	Comic Relief		Fund raising event in school.	School
28 th – 1 st April	All year groups	ECO week - recycling		Activities in school and home	School & home
1 st April	All year groups	Easter bonnet / hat competition.		All year groups	School and home
1 st April	Nursery	No Afternoon nursery session		Afternoon Nursery class	
1 st April	Reception	School day ends at 2 p.m.		Early end to the school day.	School
1 st April	Year 1 & 2	School day ends at 2.15 p.m.		Early end to the school day.	School

Spring Term 2022

Last day of term

Friday 1st April (finish at 2.00 / 2.15 p.m.)

Summer Term 2022

First day of school

Tuesday 19 April (ALL children expected to be back in school!)

Half term

Monday 30 May – Friday 3 June

Back to school

Monday 6 June

INSET DAY (Children not in school)

Friday 17 June (Infant School ONLY)

Last day of term

Friday 22 July (finish at 2.15 p.m.)



REMINDER: **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 Wednesdays 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.

Remember Black shoes (No Trainers please). 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.

Required:

As and when cleaner: working hours 3.30 – 6 p.m. week days only (**no qualifications** required but experience of cleaning employment desirable).



As and When Lunch time leaders (1 hour 10 minutes per day) – are you able to work flexibly between the hours of 11.30 – 1 p.m. Please visit the school office and request an application form.



Consultation on Breakfast Club and After School Child Care Provision.

A consultation process has commenced to identify if there is sufficient demand across the Infant and Junior School to open a Breakfast and After School child care provision for working parents.

The details were sent out via Weduc on Friday 27th January via email to all parents with a link to a portal to register your interest.

There were insufficient numbers to commence a provision from April. Some of you may have missed the email therefore, we have sent out a paper copy of the form on Monday 28th February for parents to complete and return **by Friday 11th March.**

The school is consulting on opening:

- a breakfast provision from 7.40 a.m. at a cost of £4.50 per day with a healthy breakfast provided.
- an afterschool provision from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at a cost of £10 per day and two healthy snacks provided.

If you are interested please complete the consultation paper form by Friday 11th March 2022.

If there is insufficient uptake we will not be able to provide the provision. This is your last chance to indicate your requirements.

Attendance highlights from the month of January

During the month of **February**, the following classes have received certificates for the best class attendance each week and then for the overall month: **Lemur Class.**

Week	Class	% attendance
1- 4 February	Sea Turtle	100%
7 – 11 February	Lemur	99.25%
21 – 24 February	Lemur	100%
Month of February	Lemur	99.05%

School Travel

Kenmore Park Infant and Nursery is a Healthy School and also has a Travel plan which means that the school is passionate about the health and well-being of its pupils and school community including parents/carers.

We feel very strongly about how children travel to school and encourage all pupils to walk or scooter to school rather than using the car. This is good for their health and also for the environment – helping to reduce carbon dioxide and pollutions which contributes to the increase in the number of pupils suffering from Asthma!

We have designated pods for parking bikes & scooters in different areas of the school for the convenience of parents. We realise that some children live some distance away from the school and may need to come by car however, we would ask that parents park a little distance away from school and walk the rest of the route to school. As an incentive for children who walk we promote Walk on Wednesdays – ‘WOW’. Children who walk to school every Wednesday of each month will receive a WOW badge at the end of the month. We look forward to your support with this initiative.

