



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another very busy week at KSM as both staff and children get used to a new way of learning. The children in school are learning alongside their friends at home with staff supporting both children at home and in school.

I cannot thank our families enough for your patience and support as learning moved to remote provision. Staff have worked tirelessly to ensure that all children are receiving high quality teaching and learning via their I-pads. The vast majority of children are using their I-pads to access learning and I know that many of you are fitting this around work and family responsibilities. It is vital that all children complete the learning tasks unless unwell, to avoid falling behind. If you require any help with internet access or data, we can help, please do contact the academy office.

Don't forget that there is a live chat for each class at 9am and 1pm daily. This is a great opportunity to reconnect with friends and staff whilst apart. We are trialling the use of TEAMS to provide live video discussions, worship and lessons and will send further information later.

EYFS parents should use the Tapestry app to share learning with your teachers. If you need help to access this, please phone the academy office and one of the EYFS team will help.

If you need a new exercise book, there will be a supply in a contactless collection box at the main academy entrance.

FSM vouchers

Information will be sent out this week regarding a move to vouchers from the 25th January for those eligible for free school meals.

Communication:

We will continue to email and text information out to you all. Please do check our website regularly and the section home learning for links to class timetables.

Don't forget to follow your child's class on Twitter for regular updates about learning, activities, clubs etc.

@owls_KSM

@robins_KSM

@Nightingale_KSM

@kingfishers_KSM

@brunel_KSM

@windsor_KSM

@Darwin_KSM

Illness:

Please do contact the school office if your child is feeling unwell and we can advise on any action needed.

Should your child become unwell during the school day, the office will contact you to collect your child. Please ensure we have the correct / update contact details for yourselves and any other emergency contacts you have given us. Please note the office opens from 8.30am. **You can also text us on 07786 208450 at any time.**

Safeguarding and Support:

The welfare of our children is always our priority. If you ever feel you need to talk to anyone in school regarding safeguarding or any welfare issues we can help with, please contact the office and ask to speak to Mrs Rowlandson or Miss Middleton who are the Designated Safeguarding Leads, if they are not available please speak to Mrs Birchall who is the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead.