



Friday 5th March 2021

Dear parents,

I am writing to you on the last Friday of home learning, at least for now. I am sure we are all pleased to be returning to some sort of normal from Monday. Fingers crossed that there will be no further lockdowns in 2021! I will be using this letter to update you with the latest government advice, remind you of procedures for next week and ask you to fill in the remote learning survey.

Lateral flow testing for families

Thank you to those parents who have contacted me regarding the lateral flow test kits for families with school aged children. The government have changed their advice on this as of yesterday (Thursday 4th March). The tests are now only available for use on members of the family over 18. The DFE has advised that secondary school pupils will be tested at school, and primary school aged children should not be tested. Tests are available therefore as per my letter for households with school aged children, but only for the adults within the family. The adults can either attend an asymptomatic testing centre for a lateral test, or pick up a set of four tests from a distribution centre.

Here is the link to find the nearest rapid lateral flow test site

<https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>

Here is the link to find the nearest collection point

<https://find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>

Reminders for next week

This section is just a list of reminders for procedures for next week when all children return to school.

- All children (and staff) will have their temperature checked on arrival at school - parents will need to remain with their child to ensure their temperature is within the normal range.
- Pupils should attend next week in their school top or PE t shirt and school jumper/cardigan with shorts/ leggings/ tracksuit bottoms and trainers/ plimsolls
- From Monday 15th March children should attend in their normal uniform but on PE days can attend in the above activewear.
- School dinners are available from next week
- Children can bring school bags to carry lunches, water bottles, reading books, homework and pencil cases (years 3-6)
- All adults must wear a face mask when on school site, and follow the one way system
- No adults, aside from staff are permitted entry to the school building
- Please observe the staggered drop off and pick up times.

Kingswood	Drop off	Pick up	Leeds and Broomfield	Drop off	Pick up
Years R,1,2	9-9.15am	3-3.15 pm	Year R,1,2	8.45-9am	3-3.15pm
Years 3,4,5,6	8.45- 9am	3.15-3.30 pm	Year 3,4,5,6	8.30-8.45am	3.15-3.30pm
Platts Heath	Drop off	Pick up	Ulcombe	Drop off	Pick up
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- Attendance at school is mandatory from Monday 8th March, if you child will be absent for any reason - please contact the school office

Questionnaire about remote education

I have used google forms to produce a questionnaire about the remote education that has been provided to your child/ren since January by ASPIRE. Please use this link to complete this form before Friday 19th March 2021: <https://forms.gle/rpspWs61okonuQcBA>

This information will be used to gather strengths and areas of development in order that we can strengthen our use of google classroom. I would appreciate as many responses as possible.

Resources from KCC attendance service

Each head of school has been sent resources which can be used to help your child settle back in to school if they are feeling anxious. Please contact your child's head of school if you think they may be useful.

Secondary transition

Year 6 pupils should have now received their offer a secondary school place. If you need any support with appeals etc, please contact your child's head of school.

ASPIRE have signed up to the KENT year 6 transition programme and year 6 pupils and parents will receive more information about that next week.

Fair share Tesco food donations

As the majority of the food donated by tescos has been put to good use by ASPIRE families we are going to continue to collect them. Please see below for when the donations will be at your school. The office will text parents to let them know when produce is available to be collected.

Week beginning	Tesco donation nominated school	Days food available
8/3/2021	Leeds and Broomfield	Monday and Tuesday
15/3/2021	Ulcombe	Monday and Tuesday
22/3/2021	Kingswood	Monday and Tuesday
29/3/2021	Platts Heath	Monday and Tuesday

Questions and queries

Hopefully this letter has provided all the information you need. However if you do have a last minute question over the weekend I can be reached at exechead@aspire-kent.org.uk

Wishing you all pleasant family weekends, and looking forward to welcoming you on Monday.

Kind regards,

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