



Friday 6th October 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have had good weeks and that you are looking forward to family filled weekends. I am writing with my usual weekly letter of news and information. I can be contacted at exehead@aspire-kent.org.uk between 8am - 5pm Monday to Friday for queries and questions.

Supermarket Vouchers

We have just been informed that we can issue a £10 supermarket voucher to every child within the Aspire schools who receives benefit related free school meals. These will be issued by email in the usual way.

If you think your child may be entitled to free school meals as you are in receipt of benefits please contact the staff in the school office.

Kent Resilience Award

We are pleased to tell you that all four schools have achieved the Kent Resilience award for the second time running, due to the strong leadership of Mrs Sanchez and the commitment of the staff and pupils at all Aspire schools.

This time the logos have been designed by Kingswood pupils and so we are particularly proud to be able to put these on our paperwork.



Here is one example of the feedback we have received about our applications.

'I received your Two Year Review from Mrs Sanchez Daviu. It was great to read about your efforts at Platts Heath and I get a real sense of how closely you all, at the Aspire Federation, work to support emotional Health and wellbeing for pupils, staff and parents.

It's great to read about how you not only maintain a whole school approach to emotional health and wellbeing but continue to be innovative and progressive so that you are always striving for that environment where all are supported and can thrive.'

Visit from the Improvement Advisor

Yesterday we had a visit from our new KCC improvement advisor at Ulcombe. She was impressed with our practice and the inclusion demonstrated at Ulcombe. She was interested to hear about the way we lead the schools, based around research and peer accountability.

She obviously left us with some small improvement points, but also asked for our support with other schools on mixed age teaching - so it was a successful visit! Thank you to all the staff and pupils at Ulcombe for being so welcoming,

Wishing you all lovely family weekends,

Kind regards,

Emma Hickling

Executive Headteacher