

Our Kensington Avenue Primary News

KENSINGTON AVENUE PRIMARY SCHOOL
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9 July 2021

Universal Free School Meals

The end of the academic year is fast approaching and we would like to remind parents that Universal Free School Meals for Reception to Year 2 children will come to an end when they move from into year 3. If you are unsure if your child is entitled or you feel that your child is eligible for free school meals, please complete the Free School Meals form from the school office as soon as possible, as it may take a few weeks to process your

application.

Should you need support in completing the form please contact Pammy Bhambra via the school office.

From Year 3 to Year 6 your child can have a cooked meal at a cost of £2.30 which will be deducted from your Parent Pay account. Alternatively your child can bring a packed lunch to school. Please ensure that your Parent Pay account is in credit.

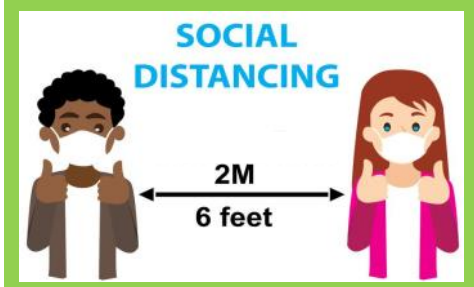
Please speak to the school office if you have any queries regarding your account or you need the log in details.



Social Distancing

Please continue to protect yourselves, your children and others by keeping your distance from anyone outside of your family bubble when on site, especially when entering and exiting the school gates.

We also encourage everyone to wear facemasks whenever possible. **Thank you.**



IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

23 July

- Yr6 Leavers Assembly, 11am
- Break up for Summer Holidays

6 September

- Back to School - Autumn Term 1

25-29 October

- Half Term Break

3 December

- Inset Day, school closed for pupils

17 December

- Break up for Christmas holidays

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Summer Reading Challenge 2021

WILD WORLD HEROES

Presented by The Reading Agency.
Delivered in partnership with libraries.

Saturday 10 July to Saturday 11 September.

Keep your child reading over the summer!
Join the Wild World Heroes for this year's Summer Reading Challenge with Croydon Libraries!

Visit the library at least twice over the summer, firstly to join the Wild World Heroes Challenge and secondly to collect a medal and certificate once completed.
It is recommended that children read at least 6 books, but your child can set their own personal goal.
Borrow and read any books, eBooks or audiobooks.

Sign up and see the difference the Summer Reading Challenge makes to their reading!
For details please visit www.croydon.gov.uk/src

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Summer 2
2020/21

A is for Attendance

Firstly, and most importantly, a **HUGE** well done and thank you to the 45 children who have achieved 100% attendance for the academic year to date.

The Department for Education tracks attendance carefully and our aim is to have an attendance figure above the national average of 96%. Our attendance figure for the year to date is 94.3%

96% and above: Less than 7 absences a year– Less than 30 Hours of Learning Lost Excellent attendance! These young people will almost certainly get the best levels/grades they can, leading to better prospects for the future. Pupils also get into the habit of attending school which will help in the future.

90–95%: 10 days absence a year— from 50 Hours of Learning Lost These pupils are less likely to achieve their target levels/grades and will start to find it difficult to maintain a habit of attending school regularly. Pupils who take a 2-week holiday every year can only achieve 95% attendance.

90% and below: 19 days absence a year— 95 Hours of Learning Lost The Government classes pupils in this group as “Persistent Absentees”, and it will be almost impossible to keep up with their work and achieve their target levels/grades

Obviously attendance levels can be affected by illness. We would therefore encourage all parents to send their children into school wherever possible. However, if they have been ill with sickness and/or diarrhoea, please keep them off school until they have been symptom free for a minimum of 48 hours to prevent the bug spreading throughout the school community as this has a significant, adverse effect on attendance levels of both children and staff.

Absence because of Covid related self-isolation will not affect your child’s attendance figure.



Reporting an absence

If your child is too ill to attend school, please contact the school office before 9.25am with full details of your child’s illness/symptoms. If we do not hear from you, we will ring you to find out why your child is not in school. If we are unable to make contact and you do not provide a reason for your child’s absence, this absence will be recorded as unauthorised.



Regular Attendance means Punctual Attendance

Arriving on time for school is important as late arrivals are disruptive for the class and can be embarrassing for the child who is late. Children can also miss important information during registration including the plan for the day.

- ◆ Gates open at 8.30am
- ◆ Classroom doors open at 8.45am
- ◆ School starts at 8.45am
- ◆ Late arrival is between 9am - 9.30am
- ◆ Arrival after 9.30am is recorded as an unauthorised absence for the morning.

To date, we have 2848 late arrivals before the register closes (9.30am) and 114 late arrivals after the register has closed which are recorded as unauthorised absences. It is essential that your child is at school on time and ready to learn. Any unauthorised absence negatively impacts on our overall attendance figure as well as your child’s attendance and achievement levels.