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Head of School Mrs S Sullivan

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's the end of term 4 and I hope you all have a lovely Easter Break. This has been yet again an interesting term. A term of two halves. The school today is a very settled and calm place to be. The children have all returned and have worked so hard we are proud of them all.

Happy Easter!

I'd like to take the opportunity to thank you for your continued support. Especially with 'drop off and pick up' procedures. It is working extremely well. This will continue after Easter unless the Government lift all restrictions. The other procedures we have in place in school are also continuing to be effective. We must continue to maintain 'social distancing' and must continue to wear masks whilst queuing and entering the school site. Please do not gather in groups as we must maintain 2 metre social distancing. These procedures, I believe, have helped the school maintain all our class 'bubbles'. Below I have copied the government advice, which I am sure you are all familiar with in regards to the latest lifting of some restrictions.

- you can meet outdoors either in a **group of 6** (from any number of households), or in a group of any size from up to 2 households (a household can include an existing support bubble, if eligible)
- you can take part in formally organised outdoor sports with any number of people (outdoor sports venues and facilities will be able to reopen)
- childcare and supervised activities are allowed outdoors for all children
- formally organised parent and child groups can take place outdoors for up to 15 attendees. Children under 5 will not be counted in this number

The full guidance can be found here:

[\[COVID-19\] Coronavirus restrictions: what you can and cannot do - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus-restrictions)

Hands Face Space and Fresh Air. This will be easier with the warmer weather. We all must follow the Government guidance particularly the 'Social Distancing' in school we try so hard to keep to the guidance. Please help us by following our school's procedures they are here to keep us all safe.



PE Kit

As the summer approaches, could we remind you of the school PE kit for the summer. The children can still wear tracksuits to school over their T-shirts and shorts, if you wish. Certain activities require the children to have bare arms, legs and feet. Also, as the summer approaches and hopefully warmer weather, children will need to apply sunscreen before coming to school. This is especially important if they are outside all week for their PE block lessons. All children will need their named waters bottles please.

Breakfast Club

We are currently awaiting further advice on the wider opening of breakfast club and therefore at this point cannot offer any additional places. You will be informed of any decision to change the plans from Monday 19th April. The numbers at present are limited and is working well while keeping children safe, which ultimately is our priority.

To allow us to possibly plan further, depending on guidance, please advise the school, via office@kingsnorth.kent.sch.uk, if you feel that you urgently require a place and are a key worker. To clarify, we are currently accepting pupils where both parents are keyworkers. Please contact us if one parent is a key worker and you feel that you would urgently require a place.

This is by no means an offer or confirmation of a place at this stage. With this information in place we will be able to contact you quickly if provision changes.

Allergies

We have a number of children across the school who wear 'lanyards' which ensure staff are aware that a child has an intolerance or allergy to certain food items. We have had many children lately telling staff they don't have an allergy. You should have received a letter from our Welfare Assistant asking for a clarification of your child's allergy, as some of our information may be historical. If you have, please update and return it to school as soon as possible.

Staffing

Mrs Savage begins her maternity leave from today. We all wish her the very best and the happy and safe arrival of her baby very soon. During her maternity leave, her roles have been divided up to existing members of staff; these will be in addition to their existing roles. Mrs Green EYFS and KS1 lead, Miss Gore will take on more responsibility for EYFS as 'transition lead', Mrs Bate has been appointed to Phonics Reading Lead and Miss Ciantar had been appointed as English Hub Lead.

In addition to the above changes:

Mrs Atkinson, Teaching Assistant in 2G will be leaving Kingsnorth School on Friday 30th April due to relocating to Eastbourne and Mrs McNeil is also leaving us at the end of May as she is relocating to Shropshire. We would like to wish them all the best as they move to pastures new.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Sullivan
Head of School