



Kingsmead School



A PARTNER ACADEMY IN JOHN TAYLOR MAT

Head of School: Mrs M Mincher, Bsc, NPQH

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12th March 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have been delighted to be back in school this week and pleased to note that our whole school attendance is 98%. Today we have given students the home testing kits for those who have had their lateral flow tests in school and so can now do them from home. Students have been shown a video in tutor time today. [Step by step guide to COVID-19 self-testing - YouTube](#). There is also a written guide here: https://johnaylorhighschool-my.sharepoint.com/:b:g/personal/b_morris_kingsmeadschool_net/EcnkkdaadkdFvcYnFfCRN2QBgEBa6j1Ze51kkpL2PIUggQ?e=MakADl.

Wellbeing Award

Kingsmead School is proud to announce that on the 4th of March we were awarded the very prestigious **Wellbeing Award for Schools**. This award is supported by the National Children's Bureau and Optimus Education. We put wellbeing with learning at the centre of all we do in our school community and this award reflects that fact. The award assess was overwhelmed by the quality of provision and we will continue to promote emotional wellbeing and positive mental health.

Futures Fayre

Our careers programme has continued in lessons and through tutor time throughout the pandemic and some events have been moved to allow them to still be run this year. We have previously run 4 Futures Fayres at Kingsmead which gather Universities, business and apprenticeships together to inspire and support students as they consider their learning going forward. Unfortunately, we would not be able to safely run an event like this we feel this year. We have however signed up for a Virtual Careers Fayre which runs **from 12pm-6pm on Wednesday the 17th March**. Students, teachers and parents can register for their free place [here](#). The event features over 100 exhibitors and a range of virtual webinars. This is open to all students. Exhibitors include universities who have presented at Kingsmead Futures Fayres including Oxford, Cambridge, Birmingham, Cardiff, York. Find out more information [view here](#).

Activity Week

We would like to finish this school year with something special to look forward to. We feel after the year your children have experienced, 2 full lock downs and a frightening pandemic this is needed more than ever. We would like to organise 3 exciting and fun activity days overseen by Kingsmead staff on the last 3 days of term before the Summer holidays. These days are always incredibly popular and allow children to build memories that will last forever. I have included some of the images from 2019 to show you what happened during the 2019 activity days. Normally our PTFA fund raise throughout the year to support events like this. The Christmas fair organised by the PTFA goes a long way towards paying for these activities. This year Covid has really got in the way of this fund raising. To ensure we can provide these exciting activities we are asking those families that can do so, to give a small amount of money towards the cost for all children. We will be setting up a ParentPay account where donations can be made. Staff and the PTFA will also be donating towards the costs, the more we raise the more exciting events we can provide for the children. If every family could donate between £5 and £10 on a voluntary basis, we can hire equipment such as the water zorbing, inflatables, slides, laser quest and Zorb football making it a fun, memorable end to such a difficult year.



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Finally, I would like to thank our students for the way they have returned this week and for your support in helping them to do this. It is encouraging see our value of mindfulness being shown by students to each other and with staff. The children have made us very proud of their maturity and care for people in their local community in their conduct on their way to and from school.

Yours faithfully

Maria Mincher
Head of School



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Activity Week 2019



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