



Kingsmead School



A PARTNER ACADEMY IN JOHN TAYLOR MAT

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26th March 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

As we enter the last week of the spring term I wanted to write and celebrate the way that students have returned to their studies after the third lockdown. As parents you should feel very proud of their kindness towards staff and other students as well as the effort that they have put into their studies.

Safe Easter Holiday

To ensure that all families have a safe and restful Easter we are asking students to slightly change their pattern of testing next week. This is to reduce the possibility of school staff from having to identify close contacts over the Easter weekend and ask families to isolate. We are asking students to test on the following days before coming into school.

Wednesday 31st March and Thursday 1st April. If they test positive, they should book a PCR test, notify school and start to isolate. School will identify close contacts in the previous 48 hours and contact them to isolate. The next test should be **Monday 5th April. After this test they should inform track and trace and not school for close contacts in the previous 48 hours to be identified.**

Testing should then continue with a gap of three/four days. As the holiday ends we would like all staff and students to test the day before we return to school on –

Sunday 18th April

This pattern of testing will help us to reduce the number of A symptomatic students and staff who are in contact before Easter resulting in families needing to isolate during this family holiday.

| Test Date | Who to contact | What to do next | Tick when completed |
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| Wednesday 31 st March | School on covid@kingsmeadschool.net | School will tell close contacts to isolate. You need to isolate for 10 days or until you have a negative PCR test. The rest of your household also need to isolate until you receive the results of the PCR test, in accordance with current and national guidance. | |
| Thursday 1 st April | School covid@kingsmeadschool.net | School will tell close contacts to isolate. You need to isolate for 10 days or until you have a negative PCR test. | |



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| Monday 5 th April | C19LOC.education@staffordshire.gov.uk | Track and trace will tell close contacts to isolate. You need to isolate for 10 days or until you have a negative PCR test. | |
| 9 th April | C19LOC.education@staffordshire.gov.uk | | |
| 13 th April | C19LOC.education@staffordshire.gov.uk | | |
| Sunday 18 th April | C19LOC.education@staffordshire.gov.uk | | |

To support this pattern of testing students will receive additional test kits on Wednesday 31st March during tutor time.

Zoo Keeper for the day- round 2

The Exotic Zoo are offering another opportunity for students to get up close with some of their extra special exotic residents. This will be available to book on 07368937678 and costs £20 for the day from 10.00am -2.00pm

Monday 5th for year 7.

Wednesday 7th for year 8.

We hope that your children have enjoyed the well being activities over the last half term. Some Home learning will be set over the Easter holidays but apart from that we hope that all children get time to explore outside in the fresh air and relax.

Students have worked extremely hard during the lock down as I hope you will see for your own child when you receive their fourth set of reports next week. These individual reports will allow students and parents to see what they are and are not secure in from the last half term of work taught. The blended learning platform is available for all children to use if they want to revisit or upgrade this work; allowing all children at Kingsmead to take ownership of their own learning.

Again, thank you all for your ongoing support of your child's school and the fantastic culture of learning and caring that we are building together.

Best Wishes

Maria Mincher
Head of School