

Welcome to Kingswood!

Our Kingswood community has welcomed many new faces over the past few weeks, including children, staff and families. I hope that you are starting to get used to the routine, and expectations, of our school. Thank you for your patience as everyone adapts to new timings, extended care provision and lines of communication. I am thankful for the knowledgeable and experienced staff team, who have been so proactive in settling your children quickly.

The mornings in particular are a busy time at drop off; if you have any questions please wait until the children are safely inside Nursery before speaking to the Key Person on the door. In Pre School the member of the staff on the door is responsible for noting the children coming in, so please speak to a member of staff inside the building.

Please do check your emails to remain up to date with what's happening in school!

Mrs Macdonald



UPCOMING DATES



Friday 29th September

Meet with Mrs Macdonald

Tuesday 3rd October

Peekaboo Photography in School

Get organised for Christmas gifts!

Monday 23rd-Friday 27th October

School Closed Half Term

Friday 24th November

School Closed-INSET DAY

Monday 27th November

School Closed-Occasional Day



Meet with Mrs Macdonald

Now that I am assured the children are settled across school, I would like to take the opportunity to meet with you. I regularly hold Friday morning Forums, which parents and carers are welcome to attend, to feed back about any aspect of school, gain clarification or have any queries answered.



The first of these will be this Friday, 29th September, at 8:40am.

This would also be an opportunity to log onto Seesaw, if you are experiencing any challenges with this! I look forward to seeing some of you there. If you can't make it I am usually at the gates in the morning, so this is another opportunity to say hello.



Parent Governors

Following our advert, some parents who are interested becoming Parent Governor have approached me. Please let me know by the end of the week if you are interested in supporting our school community in this way.

Voluntary Contributions

We provide snack as part of our daily routine and learning provision. We do not want to reduce the quality or quantity of this but we do rely on parents making contributions to facilitate this.



We request a suggested contribution of £12.50 per half term (£25 per term) via WisePay. Please could you make this payment for this term.

Other amounts are gratefully accepted, as are donations of other consumables such as baby wipes, boxes of tissues, cornflour, shaving foam, cream of tartar and flour.

Reminders:

Check your child's book bag each day for letters from school!



At Kingswood we go outside in all weathers-please ensure your child has a waterproof coat on rainy days-we can provide wellies!

Thank you for not using your mobile phone inside the school gates.



You may well have seen recently in the news that some schools have been affected by the presence of RAAC in their buildings. RAAC, or Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete, is a lightweight form of concrete which was used in schools and other building construction from the 1950's until the mid-1990s. After some time and in some circumstances this concrete can collapse.

Kingswood was constructed at a time when RAAC was not being used in construction and we can therefore be confident that there is no RAAC present.

Do you want to know the learning experiences your child is getting at Kingswood?

Do you want to share your child's wider life at home?



You will have received a letter last week inviting you to sign permissions to access our new online learning platform, Seesaw. This will enable you to view photos of your child's learning during their time at Kingswood.

Please ensure that these are returned as soon as possible to ensure you can view your child's first few weeks of learning.

How can you make your child's lunch box healthier?

This academic year we are focusing on developing a healthy and resilient school community-a priority following the global pandemic.

Shortly we will be introducing lunchbox guidelines, to support you in making healthy choices for your child, and to complement our school curriculum.



If your child stays for lunch it is important that there are **no nuts** or nut products in their lunchboxes, including Kinder products, due to life threatening allergies.

Please no crisps, no sweets or chocolate in lunches as such ultra processed food items can damage children's teeth over time and do not provide the nutrition young children require. Please help us by reserving these items to enjoy occasionally outside of school.

'where learning is an exciting adventure'