

NEWSLETTER 1 3rd September 2021

Welcome!

I am really proud of the team here at Kingswood; everyone is preparing to provide the very best care and learning experiences for your child this term. Our school values are based upon putting children at the heart of everything that we do, and this is represented in our interactions with children, our planned learning, and the environment.

I am keen to get to know you over the coming weeks; please do introduce yourselves when I am at the gate in the morning or afternoon.

Mrs Macdonald



Settling in!

Please remember that transition is a process, not an event. Over the coming weeks your child may express a range of emotions about being here, and away from you, even for those children who are returning to a relatively familiar space. I can personally assure you that the staff are experienced with supporting children in settling in. Please speak to your child's key person if you have any concerns.

Covid Procedures

I will provide regular updates, with regards to our procedures in relation to Covid, in line with legislation and guidance from Herts Local Authority. You must keep your child at home if they display any of the three symptoms:



- A high temperature
- A new continuous cough
- A loss or change in sense of taste or smell

We will require you to keep your child at home for 10 days, from the start of these symptoms. They can return to school as soon as they have a negative PCR test outcome.

I also politely request that you wear a face covering when bringing your child to school, and when collecting them. Staff will be administering hand sanitiser to the children on arrival, and there will be regular handwashing taking place throughout the day. Thank you for your continued cooperation with this.

Have you accessed Tapestry?

This is our online tool to share children's learning between Nursery or Preschool and home. Regular use of Tapestry supports the relationship between your child and their key person, allows achievements to be celebrated and steps towards targets to be achieved. Please ensure that you have set up your account and logged on. I am always keen to observe the many exciting and varied experiences the children engage in outside of school!



Seeking School Governors

Volunteering as a School Governor provides an opportunity for you to support school, ensuring the school vision is achieved and legislation is adhered to. We have vacancies for a school governor. Please speak to Sam in the office, if you are interested in joining the Governing body and would like additional information.

No Mobile Phones

Mobile phones are not to be used whilst on school site, including taking photographs and having conversations. This is part of our Safeguarding policy. Please use this valuable time to converse with your child or get to know other parents at Kingswood. Our staff will politely remind you of this policy.



What do young children need?



You may be aware of Molly Wright, the seven year old who delivered a TED talk. I urge you to listen to her brief, yet powerful, message:

https://www.ted.com/talks/molly_wright_how_every_child_can_thrive_by_five?language=en#t-55

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