

KING'S MEADOW MESSAGES

Dear Families,

I would like to thank families for the warm welcome I've received since joining King's Meadow Academy. It has been a pleasure meeting all of you and gaining insights into why you chose this school for your child either on the gate or after school. If we haven't yet bumped into one another, please drop in to say hello!

In the next few weeks, I am looking forward to getting to know the children and what they love about learning. I have been so impressed by the positive choices they are choosing to make this year and their good manners. I have also loved watching the children choosing a choice of 'meet and greet' from the adults in school from either a handshake, high five or a hug. Our new 'One Life' personal development approach is already creating excitement across school.

We understand that a happy and successful school community is built on collaboration. The benefits of a positive relationship between home and school cannot be underestimated. We are proud of the open relationships between schools and our families and that the care for our community is embedded into our school ethos. Therefore, we have populated this term's diary dates in as much detail to provide you with plenty of time to prepare for different school events. Please note this is only the Autumn term at the moment and we hope to have the remaining two terms completed by half term. We do have an opportunity to meet Mrs Penny and I on 26th September as part of the Macmillan coffee morning at 9am. We hope to see many of you then.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for your patience and consideration in allowing us to get to know the school, routines and most importantly children prior to sending this information out to you. We aim to ensure you have information regarding school events and workshops but also any changes made with the reasoning far in advance to support a collaborative partnership and effective communication.

Thank you for your continued support in making King's Meadow a thriving and nurturing learning environment.

Mrs Williams-Kendall
Head of School



Reminder!

Contact Details

Please can we ask that you update contact details ,phone numbers, addresses and email addresses with us. Parents should also provide us with at least three phone numbers to use in case of emergencies.

Medication

Parents **should not** send their child in with medication or give it to their class teacher. All medication **MUST** be signed in at the school office by a parent, where you will be asked to provide

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

We have high expectations upon school attendance and punctuality. It is crucial in supporting your child to learn, grow and develop.

Year Group Attendance – Since Sept 3rd to now
Reception 96.0
YR1 91.9
YR2 94.7
YR3 96.7
YR4 97.3
YR5 95.5
YR6 92.9



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details as to why your child has it and when the medicine should be given.

Zero Tolerance Policy to Parental Conduct

Please could I remind parents that the school has a zero tolerance policy to abuse of any kind towards staff and other parents.

As outlined in our Code of Conduct, the following behaviours are considered unacceptable:

- Disruptive behaviour that interferes with the school's normal operation or activities.
- The use of loud or offensive language.
- Any form of threatening behaviour towards staff, visitors, or other parents.
- Abusive or threatening messages sent via phone, email, or social media.

School Uniform

Children should be in correct school uniform and everything should be named to limit the amount of lost property this year. Make up, false nails, inappropriate haircuts, hair extensions or hair pieces are not appropriate for school. More information regarding uniform can be found on our school website.

School Books at Home

We love seeing the children enjoy reading and taking home books to support their learning and fluency skills. However, we have been made aware of how many school books, especially the Read Write Inc phonics books in key stage 1 (years 1 and 2) last year that were not returned. Please could I ask you to have a look at home and return any that you find as soon as possible.

Breakfast and After School Clubs

Compared to many schools, King's Meadow offers a strong wrap around care for children who attend the school. We have some new resources and new menus for the children that attend these clubs – all having a snack. If you would like your child / children to attend then please sign up using the App MCAS Children must be in years 1 to 6 to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Robinson in the school office.

Late Door in the Morning – CHANGE OF LOCATION

Should your child arrive late in the morning, please bring your child to the front office where they will be signed in and meal choice taken by Miss Ager.

Government guidelines state school attendance for all individuals and as a collective should be above 96%.

Ms Ager, Mrs Penny and I are currently reviewing the attendance and punctuality of all children across the school daily. **We will always contact you should your child be absent with no reason given.**

We have an open door policy so should you be struggling with this area, and then please let us know and we can meet to discuss how the school can support you.



Safeguarding is a priority here

This Safeguarding feature will be a regular item to support our children, school community and help parents to know some of the National concerns in relation to Safeguarding and the terminology used.

We might be able to help – should any parent have any community concerns they are worried about, please come and let us know.

Online Safety

Many children may have received devices that link to the Internet such as phones, tablets, games consoles over the holidays. Some useful supportive parent websites can be found by clicking on the links below:

[Parents and Carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

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Children and families should no longer go to the playground late door.

NUT FREE school

King's Meadow is a nut free school. Please do not send in any snacks or items in packed lunch boxes that contain nuts. We have several children with severe nut allergies which could cause significant harm. Morning snacks in key stage 2 (years 3-6) should be a small healthy such as a piece of fruit – no crisps, sweets please.

Water Bottles

We strongly encourage the children to stay hydrated with use of their water bottle during lessons. This supports concentration and staying healthy, however we ask that children have only water in their water bottles. **Please do not fill your child's water bottles with juice or fizzy drinks. Healthy choice only please.**

Trainers and School Shoes

Please could we ask parents to ensure their child's shoes do not have flashing lights contained in the sole as we have some children who would be affected by this due to medical conditions.

School Trips

Please make a note of any school trips for your child this term from our Autumn term diary dates. We ask staff to either book a trip out to enhance the children's learning experience or to have a workshop within school. More information regarding school trips will always come from the phase leader or class teacher. Please see them should you require further information.

[Online Safety Leaflets & resources - Internet Matters](#)



Our school Safeguarding Leads are:

Mrs Penny (Executive Head)

Mrs Williams-Kendall (Head of School)

Mrs Moore (EYFS Leader)

Miss Radford (Learning Mentor)



Celebration Assembly

To support us embedding the new One Life personal development programme into all areas of school, the children's understanding of the One Life values we have launched new star of the week certificates. Our new Value Champions will be chosen by teachers each week. Their teacher in assembly will explain to the school why they have been chosen. Each week will focus on a different value.