Weekly Newsletter

To:

School is closed until further notice except children of key workers.

Please stay at home unless it is essential to go out.

This week @ Kensington

I hope that you are all keeping well. I know how hard it is and how hard it will continue to be. Not being able to go outside is tough. When you’ve got children it’s even harder. And if you don’t have access to your own, private outdoor space, I know that must be incredibly difficult. I can only offer the hope that we will get through this and we will come out stronger and more resilient.

In the midst of everything, we had some incredible news last week. We have been shortlisted for TWO Pearson Education Awards this year! The Pearson Awards (the ‘Oscars’ of Education) are the most prestigious awards in the industry with the winners receiving their awards at a star-studded event, televised live on the BBC. We are beyond delighted that Mrs Harris has been shortlisted for the Award for Excellence in Special Needs Education - one of only four people to make the shortlist. And from thousands of entrants, Kensington is one of only six schools (and the only London school) to be shortlisted for Primary School of the Year! It is wonderful to have such positive news at this time more than ever. Due to the current situation, the judging will now take place over video conference rather than a school visit. The judges will want to speak to both parents and children. We will be looking for volunteers. If you would, potentially, be willing to speak to them about the school, please let us know at info@kensington.ttlt.academy.

We were also delighted to hear that our School Council’s excellent work has been recognised in the UK Parliament Awards, receiving a ‘Highly Commended’ for their contribution to the school and charities.

We will continue to keep you informed of any updates or developments regarding when the school may re-open. At this time, the Department for Education are clear that we will, ‘remain closed until further notice’ and that, ‘we will only re-open when the scientific advice says it is safe to do so.’

In the meantime, please stay safe. As always we are here to help. Please contact our info@kensington.ttlt.academy address or ring the Trust hotline if you need any help and we will do everything we can to support you.

Mr Ben Levinson
Head Teacher

NO After school clubs or 6 O’ clock club or Breakfast club until further notice

ONLINE P.E sessions

Joe Wicks is teaching a live P.E session every morning at 9AM. It will be on his YouTube channel and website. A great way of keeping the children busy and active!

https://www.thebodycoach.com/blog/pe-with-joe-1254.html

Follow us on Twitter and Facebook

We are now sharing latest news, stories from all the schools in the Trust on a central Facebook TTLT page and the @LearnTapscott Twitter feed continues to showcase some of the lovely events, activities and achievements from across the Trust.

It would be great to build up a greater following on these platforms. The Facebook Page is The Tapscott Learning Trust. The Twitter feed directed at parents is @LearnTapscott.

If you don’t already follow and use either of these then please do.
**Studybugs — Parent communication during school closure**

Dear parents,

It is important to download the Study bugs app as this will be the form of communication between school and parents from now on.

Due to the recent uncertain changes, we are trying to reach all parents by sending messages through Study bugs.

Please follow the link to download the app: [https://studybugs.com/about/parents](https://studybugs.com/about/parents)

Kensington Primary School’s Top 3 reasons to use Studybugs:
1. It’s integrated with our systems so we know right away if your child is unaccounted for
2. It’s quick and easy to register and use and automatically reminds you to keep us posted.
3. You’ll be helping the NHS and other public health organisations improve children’s health. ([https://studybugs.com/about/schools](https://studybugs.com/about/schools))

For more information or support with downloading the app please speak to the office staff.

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**TIPS for PARENTING**

Wondering how to keep kids entertained and not fall behind when you’re stuck at home?

*Here’s some simple play ideas you can do at home, using stuff you already have, to stop kids getting bored and still give you time to get on with other things.*

**Day 1:** Water play as the summer began

**Day 2:** Painting along with them

**Day 3:** Building a den or doll house with cardboards

**Day 4:** Creating playdough using flour or things available at home.

**Day 5:** Baking along with them.

**Day 6:** Reading story books to them.

**Day 7:** Role play and dressing up