29th May 2020

Weekly Newsletter

Dates & Events for the Diary

To:

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

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

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

This week @ Kensington

We have taken the difficult decision to not re-open school to more children until Monday 8th June at the earliest. Whilst there will always be risk, as a school, we feel we have everything in place to minimise this for your children, you and our staff. However, the external situation and areas we have little or no control over are not yet in a place to give us the confidence we need. I think this was only reinforced by the update last night from Sir Patrick Vallance on the current situation.

We have met today as a leadership team and as a Trust to discuss next steps. Our plan is now to start with Y6 coming back from Monday 8th June. They will be followed by Nursery on Wednesday 10th; Reception on Thursday 11th, and Y1 on Monday 15th June. We believe the extra week will give us the time to further mitigate some of the external issues. The staggered intake will allow us to fully test and tweak our new processes and procedures.

I am sure there will be mixed feelings about this decision. I have mixed feelings myself. It was not an easy decision to make. I want more of our children back at school. However, I have to be confident that I can do this in the safest possible way. I want you to all to know that we are working as hard as we can to make this a reality as soon as possible.

I want to thank you all for your continued support. The media and others have tried to create friction between parents and schools. It just isn’t helpful. We are all doing our best and we all want the same thing: our children safe and back at school. We might have different opinions on this. As you know, we always welcome everyone’s thoughts and feedback. However, we must all continue to work together to ensure the best for your children.

As always, we continue to be here for you to support in any way that we can. The school continues to be open to children of key workers as it has throughout. If we can be of help or you need further information, please do not hesitate to contact the school through Studybugs, our info@kensington.ttlt.academy address or by calling the school office between 9am and 3pm.

Mr Ben Levinson
Head Teacher

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.
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

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)

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

TIPS for PARENTING

Let your child lead the way!

The current situation provides a great opportunity to be led by our child. Allowing some space for your child to 'lead the way' lets them know that what they think and how they feel is really important to you.

This sense of autonomy can promote positive emotional growth, and will help them develop skills like problem solving, strategizing and improve their concentration.

So if your child decides that they’d rather spend the morning being creative, then allow them this opportunity. You can even ask them to plan out the day and follow their plan. Remember that this will count as education too.