20th March 2020

Weekly Newsletter

Dates & Events for the Diary

**All afterschool clubs are not working except BREAKFAST CLUB and 6 O’clock CLUB**

School will remain open from Monday for children of Key workers and those who need help.

**ONLINE P.E sessions**

**From Monday** Joe Wicks will be 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.thefitclub.com/blog/pe-with-joe-1254.html

6 O’ clock club working as usual from 23/03/2020-27/03/2020.

Please confirm your bookings as soon as you can for us to plan ahead.

**This week @ Kensington**

Dear All,

I hope you and your family are keeping well at this difficult time. Today we will close for the majority of children until further notice. As I am sure you can imagine, I never thought I would have to write those words.

We have contacted those of you who are eligible to continue sending your children to school. Thank you to those of you who have let us know that you will need our support to continue carrying out your crucial role. A full list of key workers has now been published and is available here: [https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision). If you do need us to continue caring for your children while you go to work, please let us know today so I can make sure we have the right number of staff.

For all those children, we will remain open from Monday. We will not be closing for the Easter holidays so we can support everyone.

We are determined to continue supporting all of our community through these unprecedented times. As we develop our plans, we will communicate these to you but if there is any way we can help, please let us know and we will do everything in our power to support you.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all so much for your kind words and your support over the past two weeks. You have helped us get through this. I could not be more proud to be the head teacher of Kensington Primary and part of this incredible, unique community. I know that, together, we will get through this and come out the other side stronger, more united, and more committed than ever to build a happy, healthy world for our children,

Stay strong and take care.
Mr Ben Levinson
Head Teacher
10 Top tips for a happy home!

It can seem overwhelming and daunting looking after children at home during this extended time. To support you in this we have created a list of dos and don’ts:

- Talk to your child – switch off the TV, Ipads and computers
- Praise them when they have done something good
- Have interesting ideas planned – see the guidance provided
- Give your child clear and calm instructions (you may have to repeat these more than once)
- Set some ground rules. These work best when done together.
- Avoid getting emotional /angry when your child doesn’t listen immediately
- Is your child feeling well- illness can make anyone grumpy
- Sometimes it is okay to ignore some minor behaviours
- As adults, don’t argue with each other in front of your child
- Finally, make sure you look after yourself – you do an amazing job!

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

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.
**Uniform Sale:**
Please purchase uniform **online via schoolmoney** as the office is on **Cashless System**. Once you have made the payment the uniform can be collected from the office up until 3.30 pm at the Main Office.

**Please make sure that you put your child’s name on their belongings.**

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**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.