

Kendrick School

Weekly Update

Friday 2nd October 2020

WEEKLY LETTER FROM MR SIMMONDS, ACTING HEADTEACHER

This week, as students and parents all know, we have had our first positive test for COVID-19. The school responded immediately to the information and followed Public Health England's instructions which were both clear and timely. Every effort to include students who are self-isolating into our lessons is being made, with work being set, resources shared, Google Meets set up so students can join the lessons and more. We will be introducing a buddy system for self-isolating students to further help them engage with their learning and to ensure that nothing is missed.

Attendance this week has dropped from 97% two weeks ago to around 94% this week which is below the level of a usual year, but I feel is encouragingly high given the current circumstances in which we are all working.

I hope that all parents have had a chance to view the welcome and information videos for each year group from their TLCs and my overview welcome message.

This week the House tokens and points from events last year have been counted and verified and we will be awarding the House Cup next week with a presentation ceremony that will include welcoming new House Captains and Vice Captains as well as some new House Leaders. House Football and House Chess competitions have both been launched and I see that lunchtime sports clubs are also restarting in year group bubbles.

I have enjoyed joining a few lessons this week and I was struck by the insight, knowledge and detail with which students were analysing writing in lower school English lessons. I can only hope that any of those students who are reading this update will forgive any poor use of structure and form or missed opportunity to add texture and emotional response!

Finally this week there is another vacancy advertised on our website for a Design and Technology Technician; as last week, please point this out to someone you know who may be interested in the role.

Mr Nick Simmonds, Acting Headteacher

SAFEGUARDING/WELLBEING

WORRIED ABOUT A CHILD?

If you have a concern about a child at Kendrick School please email safeguarding@kendrick.reading.sch.uk or telephone 0118 9015859.

If you're worried about a child or young person and you are contacting us out of hours (before 8am and after 5pm), you can contact the NSPCC helpline for support and advice for free - call us on **0808 800 5000** or **contact NSPCC online**.

Children can contact **Childline** any time to get support themselves.

In an emergency please call 999 or for a non-emergency call 101.

TIKTOK – GUIDE FOR PARENTS/CARERS

TikTok is a social media platform that lets you create, share and discover 60 second videos. You can use music and effects to enhance your videos and you can also browse other people's videos and interact with them.

For information on keeping your child safe whilst using TikTok please visit the link below from Net Aware:

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/tiktok/>

SCHOOL NURSING VIDEO

The School Nursing team have created a short video on the service <https://vimeo.com/437797725/2b2e26b789>
School Nurse Support for young people - We also have a dedicated phone line for parents and carers and young people in Year 9 and above. It covers Bracknell Forest, Reading, West Berkshire and Wokingham. We're here to give you health advice and refer you into the service for ongoing support if you need it.

We're available 9am-4.30pm Monday to Friday. Call **0118 9312111** and select 'Option 4' to speak to a School Nurse.

Direct message to year 9 students and above - You do not have to struggle in silence. The school nursing team are here to listen, phone our new advice and support line on **0118 9312111** and select **option 4** to speak to a school nurse. Monday to Friday 9am-4.30pm. It's ok to not be ok.

DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) HELPLINE WEEKEND OPENING HOURS

The Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline remains available to answer questions about coronavirus (COVID-19) relating to education and children's social care. Please listen carefully to the available options and select the most appropriate to your nursery, school, or college's current situation.

To support the transition back to education, we have extended our opening hours and are now available 10am to 4pm on Saturday and Sunday.

Staff, parents and young people can contact this helpline by calling:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Opening hours: Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm

Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 4pm

NEWS AND EVENTS - WHOLE SCHOOL

NEWS ON OUR WEBSITE, LOCAL PRESS AND SOCIAL MEDIA

We like to celebrate student successes in and out of school and rely on parents/carers to pass us this information so we can publish it on our website under [Students/Student Achievements](#). Please send any articles and photos to aemberson@kendrick.reading.sch.uk. However, please ensure you have your child's 'permission' to do so! Thank you

[Birthday Display](#)

YEAR 7, 10 AND 12 PHOTOGRAPHS

Please note that orders for Tempest Photographs for Years 7, 10 & 12 need to be in by Friday 9th October. The best method of payment is directly with Tempest via their online order system.

GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE ON USE OF FACE COVERING WHEN TRAVELLING TO SCHOOL OR COLLEGE

Children aged 11 and over are legally required to [wear a face covering on public transport in England](#), unless exempt for health, age or disability reasons.

In accordance with advice from Public Health England, we recommend that local authorities advise children and young people aged 11 and over to wear a face covering when travelling on dedicated school transport, unless they are exempt. Coronavirus (COVID-19) usually spreads by droplets from coughs, sneezes and speaking. When used correctly, wearing a face covering may reduce the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) droplets in certain circumstances, helping to protect others.

HANDS, FACE, SPACE

This [‘Hands. Face. Space.’ video](#) communicates the importance of wearing a face covering on transport directly to children and young people. If your child travels on public transport, please share this video with them.

Further information on face coverings can be found in our [guidance on transport to school and other places of education: autumn term 2020](#).

KENDRICK PARENTS’ SOCIETY (KPS)

Kendrick Parents' Society's first meeting of this academic year kicked off very well with many new and existing parents, school staff and our acting Headteacher Mr Simmonds participating via zoom call. There was great engagement on a number of topics including the KPS events structure, new innovative social platform and other activities to carry out in the 'new normal' situation. There were many brilliant ideas discussed and we sincerely hope that we can work out together to implement them.

Watch out for more details about all these and many more in our upcoming newsletter that will be circulated to you on Monday via Parentmail.

KPS Committee

JOB VACANCIES AT KENDRICK SCHOOL

We have the following job vacancies at Kendrick School.

- Chemistry Technician - 13 hours a week - term time only and some hours in the summer holidays
- Outreach and Admissions Assistant – Monday to Friday, 10.30am to 1.30pm – term time only

- Design and Technology Technician – Monday to Friday, 20 hours a week – term time only.

More information on both roles can be found on our website via this [link](#). Please pass this email on to friends and family that may be interested in applying.

PARENTPAY REMINDERS

Year 13 Geography Field Trips during October 2020 - £240 to be paid by 2nd October 2020. Please contact Mrs Wheeler or finance@kendrick.reading.sch.uk if you require more time to pay.

Please top up dinner money accounts if they are in debit.

NEWS AND EVENTS - STUDENTS

THE 16-19 BURSARY FUND

The 16-19 Bursary Fund has been allocated by the Education Funding Agency (EFA), the funding agency for 16-19 education and training.

Please see the [16-19 Bursary Policy 20-21](#) which sets out the arrangements for how the Kendrick School will prioritise and administer the 16-19 Bursary Fund in 2020-21.

The School is committed to ensuring the Fund is used to support financially disadvantaged young people taking up or continuing in their education or training post-16 and achieving their learning aim(s).

Please see the [16-19 Bursary Information for Parent-Carer\(s\) 20-21](#) and [16-19 Bursary Information for Students 20-21](#) for more information which explains who is eligible and how to apply. Please also see the [16-19 Student Assessment Form 20-21](#).

Please note that if your daughter received the Bursary for academic year 2019/20 you will need to reapply for this current academic year.

To apply please download and complete the 16-19 Bursary Fund Application form 19-20 below.

The deadline to submit a Bursary application, with the correct supporting evidence, is Monday 5th October 2020.

The student liaison contacts for any support with the application process, including details on eligibility criteria and evidence needed, are Ms Le Croisette or Mrs Harrison at the email addresses below:

ylecroisette@kendrick.reading.sch.uk or tharrison@kendrick.reading.sch.uk.

AND FINALLY.... THINKING CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK!

Two things in common

The answers to the following clues have two things in common.

- Bicarbonate
 - Alien spacecraft
 - Toy figure
 - Relations frequently the subject of jokes
 - Authorising official (especially US)
 - Items of ladies' underwear
 - Credit card
 - Delays action
 - Reinvested
 - >
 - Silhouette
 - Ability to sustain effort
- a. What are the two things the answers have in common?
b. Add another possible answer.



Answer to last week's challenge:

