



KESTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Part of PACE Academy Trust

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has certainly been a busy half term. It has been lovely to be able to do some of our normal school activities. I have enjoyed leading Key Stage assemblies and seeing all of the children in person.

Thank you so much for your patience during the parents' evenings this week. It was great to see so many people attending.

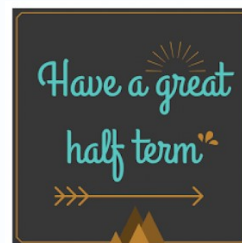
We have enjoyed welcoming Zoe Harris (our new CEO) to Keston and showing her all the wonderful things we do here. School leaders have been busy working on the next stage of our school improvement plan.

We are looking forward to next half term and will be in touch shortly with our plans for Christmas.

Have a fabulous half term break.

Thank you so much for your continued support.

Helen Green
Head of School



Admission to Secondary School September 2022

Information on Applications for Admission to
Secondary School in September 2021

Was your child born between 1 September
2010 and 31 August 2011?

Then you **MUST APPLY** now!

1. Visit www.croydon.gov.uk/admissions to find out about the schools in the area and be guided through the steps in the application process.
2. Apply through an eAdmissions account at www.eadmissions.org.uk

Application deadline:
31st October 2021

Admission to Reception September 2022

Information on Applications for Admission to
Reception in September 2022

Was your child born between 1 September
2017 and 31 August 2018?

Then you **MUST APPLY** now!

1. Visit www.croydon.gov.uk/admissions to find out about the schools in their area and be guided through the steps in the application process.
2. Apply through an eAdmissions account at www.eadmissions.org.uk

Application deadline:
15 January 2022





Please be mindful of local residents when parking in nearby streets.

Please do not park across driveways.

COVID– 19 Reminder:

[Schools COVID-19 Operational Guidance](#) states:

'Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:

- they are fully vaccinated*
- they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months*
- they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial*
- they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons.'*

In this situation individuals are asked to take a PCR test. Whilst government guidance currently says that these individuals do not need to self-isolate and can continue to attend school as normal, in PACE schools **we will ask our staff not to attend school pending the outcome of the PCR test** in the event of living in the same household as someone with Covid-19 or as a close contact with someone with Covid-19. If the PCR test is negative we will ask our staff to return to work and **complete a daily lateral flow test for 10 days following the close contact** with someone who has tested positive.

A child or a member of staff who is symptomatic or who tests positive must remain at home and follow the self-isolation guidance.

In order to protect our school community, we ask that you carefully follow government guidance regarding testing as follows:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

PE Kits

We have decided to continue to ask the children to come to school on their PE days, dressed in their PE kits.

PE days are as follows:

Year Group	PE Day
Reception	Tuesday
Year 1	Tuesday
Year 2	Tuesday
Year 3	Wednesday
Year 4	Thursday
Year 5	Thursday
Year 6	Wednesday



Swimming

We are very lucky that all of our children from Reception to Year 6 are able to swim weekly.

Swimming is part of the National Curriculum and therefore children cannot be withdrawn from lessons. If there is a medical reason why your child cannot swim, please talk to your child's class teacher.

Mobile Phones

Children should not have mobile phones in school.

If your child uses a mobile phone during their journey to and from school, you need to complete a permission slip and return it to the class teacher.

Mobile phones, should then be handed in to the class teacher, who will store them securely during the school



Remembrance Day



There is a Remembrance Day Service at St John's Church on Sunday 14th November.

As in previous years, before COVID-19 Keston have been asked to lay a wreath as part of the service.

If you and your family would like to represent Keston at the service and lay the wreath please contact the school office.



We will also be selling poppies and other small items for the Royal British Legion. Items range from 50p to £1.50.



Zip pull - **Suggested** Donation: 50p



Reflector - **Suggested** Donation: 50p



Silicon wristband - **Suggested** Donation: £1.00



Snap band - **Suggested** Donation: £1.50

Tissues

As we enter the cold and flu season we would be grateful for donations

of boxes of tissues. Please leave them with your child's class teacher.



FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
Friday 22nd October	Break Up for Half Term
Wednesday 10th November	School Photographer (individual and siblings)
Monday 1st November	Back to School
Friday 17th December	Break up for Christmas —Early Finish

PTA Newsletter

PTA NEWS

Although there will sadly be no Christmas Fair this year that doesn't mean we won't be putting on a few things in the run up to Christmas (It's in 64 days by the way!!)



Firstly we have joined up with class fundraising who will be providing Christmas cards with your child's design on. The children will be let loose to get creative and draw a Christmas design which will then be created into their very own Christmas Card.

If you wish you can then purchase packs of these Christmas cards (as well as many other items).

Second up is our Remember, Remember the 5th of November glowing doughnuts sale.
More details to follow after half term!



And last but not least a reminder about our new second hand uniform setup.

If there is anything you need please fill out the form and we will get it to you as quickly as possible.

