

Keston Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy few weeks with lots going on in school. Thank you for your support with all of the current restrictions. It is much appreciated.

We have been busy organising our very first virtual Parents' Evening. Please be patient and understanding as this is something new for us all.

We are very sorry that Mrs Sarah Driscoll (our School Business Manager) will be leaving us at the end of next week. I would like to thank her on behalf of the whole school community for all of her hard work in the last few years. Mrs Driscoll will be missed by us all.

With all my best wishes,

Helen Green
Head of School

School Vision Questionnaire



Thank you to all parents and carers who have completed a questionnaire. It is really interesting and important for us to have the views of parents and carers.

We will leave the box outside the office on Monday, in case you still wish to return a form.

School Street Scheme at Keston Primary School

This is now in operation. As a reminder it will apply from 8am - 9.30am and 2 - 4pm Monday to Friday during term time. The school street is Keston Avenue from Coulsdon Road to Court Avenue.

Please treat the surrounding roads with respect as local residents have seen a big increase in traffic.



We have had some complaints from Court Avenue residents. Please take care when parking.



Thank you to everyone for following the one way system when entering and leaving the school site.

Whilst it doesn't fit with our normal friendly atmosphere we also ask that you leave the playground as soon as you have collected your children and do not stay on site longer than needed.

Please also remember not to come onto site in the morning until your child's staggered start time. Some children are arriving at school earlier than they should. Only children with siblings with an earlier start time should be coming in early.

Curriculum Update

New Curriculum

This year, we are relaunching our new curriculum. As a Trust, we have developed the following shared vision: 'We engage and challenge all learners through an inspiring, relevant and ever-evolving curriculum. Through a rich and varied range of opportunities, we empower children to become resilient, reflective learners, equipped with the knowledge, skills and motivation to enable them to become the best they can be as young people and adults.'

We have also identified 'Pupil Outcomes' for their time with us, in order that we best prepare the children for life during and beyond, Keston. We have divided these into 'Attitudes, Attributes and Values', and 'Knowledge and Skills'.

All subjects and topics taught will encompass elements of our new curriculum 'core threads':

- Wellbeing, Safety, Safeguarding
- Equality and Diversity
- Outdoor Learning
- Technology
- International and Local Understanding



Year group topics have been updated and in line with our new progression maps, they will ensure pupils build on the skills they develop and the knowledge they acquire each year.

Look out for our Curriculum Specific Newsletter, which will be coming soon, for more details.

Amazon Books

A huge thank you for your generosity and support in donating books to the school from our Amazon wishlist.

We have been working hard to diversify our book selection to better educate our children and reflect our school community.

If you have not had the chance to donate a book, fear not! We have updated the wishlist with a wide selection of books, so if you feel able as a family to buy a book, it would be greatly appreciated. If you do choose to buy one, please don't forget to send a message as we will put it in the inside cover of the book. Equally, if you have any ideas for books to add to our wishlist, please do let us know! [Click Here](#)

Twitter

Please join us on Twitter:

<http://twitter.com/kestonprimary>



School Office

Parents are expected to phone and email the school office rather than visit. Visits to the office must be kept to a minimum.

When visiting the School Office for an appointment, parents and visitors are expected to use the sanitiser and should remain within the marked out box in the reception area.

The reception area can only accommodate one person at a time. If someone is already in the main office, parents should wait outside where it is clearly marked.

There will be very limited face-to-face meetings with teachers or the leadership team but telephone appointments will be able to be made.

If you wish to talk to your child's class teacher you can email them directly. The class teacher is the first point of contact if you have any concerns.

Class email addresses are on the next page.

Email address	Class Teacher
yellow@keston.croydon.sch.uk	Miss Boyd
purple@keston.croydon.sch.uk	Mrs Tribe
orange@keston.croydon.sch.uk	Miss Barakeh
green@keston.croydon.sch.uk	Miss Slater
dahl@keston.croydon.sch.uk	Mrs Oraziatti
rosen@keston.croydon.sch.uk	Miss Bagridge
nichols@keston.croydon.sch.uk	Mrs Newport
rowing@keston.croydon.sch.uk	Mr Andreotti
horowitz@keston.croydon.sch.uk	Miss Sutton
gavin@keston.croydon.sch.uk	Miss Clarkson
dickens@keston.croydon.sch.uk	Mr Rosewell
shakespeare@keston.croydon.sch.uk	Mrs Loft and Mrs Eason
ladybirds@keston.croydon.sch.uk	Ms van Noorden
bumblebees@keston.croydon.sch.uk	Miss Nice
red@keston.croydon.sch.uk	Miss Perrin
blue@keston.croydon.sch.uk	Mrs Cawkwell

Admission to Reception

September 2021

Information on Applications for Admission to Reception in September 2021

Was your child born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017? Then you MUST APPLY now!

1. [Visit www.croydon.gov.uk/admissions](http://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 2021

Parents will be able to view the outcome of their application through their eAdmissions account on 16 April 2021.



Admission to Secondary School

September 2021

Information on Applications for Admission to Secondary School in September 2021

Was your child born between 1 September 2009 and 31 August 2010? Then you MUST APPLY now!

1. [Visit www.croydon.gov.uk/admissions](http://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 2020

New Outdoor Classroom



Thank you to the PTA for donating the money for us to be able to install our new outdoor classroom.



The children will enjoy having somewhere to base themselves when they are learning outside.

There are staggered start and end times to minimise children and parents congregating around the school.

It is important that everyone is punctual and tries to arrive as close to their allocated time as possible.

Please also avoid standing at the school gates.

Year Group	Start and Finish
Nursery	9 am – 12 pm
Sessional Care	12 pm – 3 pm
Reception	9 am – 2.50 pm
Year 1	9.10 am – 3 pm
Year 2	8.50 am – 2.50 pm
Year 3	9.10 am – 3.15 pm
Year 4	8.50 am – 3.05 pm
Year 5	9.10 am – 3.15 pm
Year 6	8.50 am – 3.05 pm

Diary Dates

Date	Event
Tuesday 20th Oct 4pm—7pm	Online Parent / Teacher Consultations
Thursday 22nd Oct 4pm—7pm	Online Parent / Teacher Consultations
Friday 23rd Oct	Break up for half term
Monday 2nd Nov	INSET Day
Tuesday 3rd Nov	Children return to school.
Friday 18th Dec	Break Up
Mon 4th Jan	INSET Day
Tuesday 5th Jan	Children return to school.

Family Man Day

Unfortunately due to current restrictions, we will be unable to hold our normal Family Man day in November.

Hopefully we will be able to resume our exciting whole school events once current restrictions are lifted.

This week marks the beginning of Black History Month.

At Keston, we will be looking at different important events in Black History and linking them to some amazing, modern-day Black British people, including sports personalities, musicians, and scientists.

Each year group will have a different topic to focus on and will produce an exciting piece of work to be displayed around the school.

