

Keston Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy half term with lots of fantastic learning going on in school. The recent Guidance we had from the DfE did not really change anything for our school community. Therefore, all our COVID-19 rules and safety measures are still in place. We are hoping for new guidance soon. At the moment, we will not be able to invite parents in to our usual summer events. We will keep you updated if there are any changes.

I would like to say thank you to the PTA for organising the Uniform Sale. I know they have more plans for fund-raising next half term. The PTA do a vital job in raising much needed funds for our children. As you can imagine, funds are very tight especially with the impact of the pandemic.

I want to say a heartfelt thank you to all of you for your continued support and kind words—it is much appreciated by myself and all of the staff.

I hope you all have a wonderful half term.

Best wishes,
Helen Green
Head of School

We have been very lucky as a school, that we have only had to have one school bubble closure due to a positive case.

New guidance has been published for schools, but very little within it has changed, with regards to the measures needed to keep our community safe.

We have therefore made the decision to remain cautious until the next guidance is published and so:

- We will continue to ask you to wear masks on the school grounds
- We limit the numbers of visitors/parents in school, this will include not inviting you in for sports days or end of year events.



Diary Dates

Date	Event
Friday 28th May	Second Hand Uniform Sale
	Break Up for Half Term
Monday 7th June	INSET Day
Tuesday 8th June	Back to School
Wednesday 16th June	Reception and Year 6 Photographs
28th June	Whole school 'Fun Run' week
5th July	Science Week
Tuesday 20th July	Celebration Parents' Evening (provisional)
Friday 23rd July	Break Up for Summer Holidays

Due to Covid 19—our sports day will be a little different this year. We will be holding sports days for year groups during the week of 12th July. At this stage, we will not be inviting parents into school to be part of these sessions—but no doubt the children will be able to share the excitement of the day with you in other ways.

We will also hold a fun run during the week of the 28th June. This again will be held during the children's normal PE sessions for that week. The money raised will be split between the London Air Ambulance Service and



our school pond project. More details to follow, about both events.

Cooper Tennis are running half term holiday camps from 1st-4th June.

See link below for booking:

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/coopertennis/Coaching/Camps>

There are half day and all day options starting at £15 per session for members / £20 for non members.



This week in class the children have been learning about the NSPCC's PANTS—campaign.

With the help of Pantosaurus, they have been remembering the 5 rules that keep us safe from sexual abuse.

For more information about the campaign click [here](#).



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 -12pm (Bumblebees) 9.10 am—12.10 pm (Ladybirds) 3 pm if sessional care
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

Admission to Nursery September 2021

***We still have spaces in our Nursery
Classes for September 2021.***

If your child was born between 1st
September 2017 and 31st August 2018
you can apply now.

Please see our virtual tour of the Early
Years area on the school
website here:

[Virtual Tour](#)



Thank you to those that responded to the Parent's Evening Questionnaire in the last newsletter.

We have over 140 responses—the majority of which were very positive and complimentary about Keston's response to parents' consultation evening, during a pandemic, when additional adults were not allowed into the school building.



Twitter

Please join us Twitter:

<http://twitter.com/kestonprimary>



Please be reminded that children should not be using the trim trail or climbing equipment before or after school.

**PLEASE
DO NOT
PLAY ON
EQUIPMENT**

We have been asked to pass on the following information from Inspector Kathy Morteo from the Metropolitan Police service, about the use of E-Scooters and the Law.

Although e-scooters can legally be purchased it is currently illegal to ride them on roads, cycle lanes and pavements and therefore should not be brought or ridden to school.

More information can be found at [Advice on e-scooter usage | Metropolitan Police](#)

Best Start children's centres consultation – May 2021

Croydon are currently consulting on changes to their Best Start Children's Centres. The consultation is seeking views on the proposed hub and spoke model of service delivery. We are encouraging parents to be, parents and carers who use centres, Best Start partners and providers and staff members to give us their views and ideas about future delivery.

The consultation is now live and it will run until midnight 13 June 2021.

The consultation is online, we hope that this is accessible to most people. The link to the consultation and survey is [Croydon.gov.uk/CCconsultation](https://croydon.gov.uk/CCconsultation) We will be working with partners and the children's centre teams to ensure that we have responses that represent the diversity of families that use our services.

If a hard copy is required please contact 020 8760 5453 or contact Croydon Best Start croydonbeststart@croydon.gov.uk if additional support is required.

[Best Start children's centres consultation – May 2021 \(croydon.gov.uk\)](https://croydon.gov.uk/CCconsultation)



Wellbeing Tip



When we're going through a hard time and try to talk to someone about it, it can be very frustrating when we feel that we aren't being listened to. Sometimes people offer a solution straight away or dismiss the issue like it's no big deal. They might think they are helping, but actually it makes us feel like our feelings aren't important (we might do it intentionally to others too). All anyone wants is to have their feelings validated and this can happen through Active Listening:

- Validate feelings—acknowledge their feelings without judgement, e.g. by saying: 'that sounds really upsetting' (no matter your opinion on the matter)
- Give full attention and eye contact, avoid distractions e.g. put your phone away
- Be patient and comfortable with their feelings—moments of silence don't need to be filled
- Just be there—we don't have to fix the problem, just giving your time to listen is enough.



**Attendance
Matters**

Every student. Every day.

As restrictions begin to lift, some families may be looking to take holidays. Government guidance states that as usual, parents should plan their holidays around school breaks and not take their children out of school on holiday during term time .

Should you wish to take your child out of school for whatever reason, you should apply for exceptional leave in the normal way. More details on how to do this can be found on the school website.

Swimming at Keston

Whilst school swimming was able to resume on the 17th of March, there are still many reasons that we have decided not to start lessons just yet, at Keston.

These include:

- The size of the pool and the changing rooms
- The bubbles mixing - as on some days more than one bubble swim
- Parent volunteers in school
- The time it would take to clean all of the equipment between bubbles



We hope that by September we will be able to re-introduce weekly swimming lessons for Reception to Year 6.