



Kingsmills Primary School

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Education Authority Southern Region

New School Day:

- Start time: 8.40am.
- Children must be dropped off between 8.25am and 8.40am.
- Breakfast club will be running. **Booking in advance is essential** (please return booking forms each Friday noting days needed for the following week) Forms will be available to download from the school website.
- There will be no staggering of pick up and drop off times. We just ask that you are mindful of other parents during these times and practice appropriate social distancing measures. Lift sharing is not advised and we would ask that this does not happen due to the risk of cross infection.
- Parents are not permitted beyond the main school gate. If you need to see a teacher, please call/e-mail the school to make an appointment and a meeting will be arranged.
- Children will be kept in 'class' bubbles, they will not mix with other classes, they will eat their break/lunch and have outdoor playtime on their own and in their own designated areas.
- Children will be seated for learning, spaced at 1m apart, with the teacher socially distanced at 2m. This social distancing will be required and encouraged at all times throughout the school day.
- **Hot school dinners will be available from Tuesday 1st September.** Please send a healthy snack for P6 -7 pupils. Snack will be provided for Reception to P5 pupils as normal.
- Children will be washing their hands upon arrival, before and after they eat, before and after playtime and when leaving the school premises. **Please send hand sanitiser, clearly labelled with your child's name to be kept at his/her desk.** When this sanitiser is empty you will be asked to provide another one. The school will have additional hand sanitiser and antibacterial soap/wipes and spray in every room.
- Children will be required to practice cleanliness at all times, washing hands thoroughly after sneezing, coughing and using the bathrooms, sneezing and coughing into a tissue, 'Catch it, bin it, kill it' will be reiterated in all classrooms. **Please send a box of tissues clearly labelled with your child's name.**
- Additional washing of school uniform is encouraged. If possible please send a coat, labelled with your child's name, which can be kept in school.
- Classes will be allocated their own toilet facilities. Class bubbles will not share toilets.

- Toilets, surfaces, equipment, keyboards and door handles will be cleaned regularly by staff during the school day. They will be cleaned thoroughly before and after school starts and finishes.
- Children will be provided with their own pencil pot, stationery, necessary learning equipment and books for use throughout the school day. (Please do not send any equipment from home) These will stay in school.
- Please do not send a school bag in September. (This will be reviewed)
- Homework, weekly spelling and mental maths lists will be uploaded to google classroom for download and completion at home. These can then be printed off (if necessary) completed and returned to school by e-mail/uploaded to google classroom or dropped off on a designated drop off day. Reading books will go home as normal and upon return these will be cleaned and quarantined before being given out to any other children.
- All school notes and correspondence (when possible) will be uploaded to the school website/Google Classroom for download at home.
- School will finish at the normal time for all classes i.e. 1:15pm for Reception - P2, and 2:30pm for P3- P7. All children will be walked to the main school gate in their own class bubbles. **Please remember that parents are not permitted beyond the school gate. Please refrain from gathering at the school gate and please maintain social distancing best practice at this time.**
- There will be no after school clubs/extra- curricular activities/shared education or school trips running until further notice. External visitors will not be permitted into school unless completely necessary.
- **Do not send your child to school if they are displaying any signs of sickness- COVID related or other illnesses. Any child arriving at school displaying signs of sickness will be sent home immediately.**

I am aware there are many guidelines and regulations outlined above but a safe return to school is only possible if they are followed and adhered too. I'd like to thank you in advance for your support in these matters and we look forward to welcoming you back in the new academic year,

Kind Regards,

G Harrison