

17th April 2020



Dear Carers and Parents,

I hope you are all keeping safe and well. The Easter break certainly provided some lovely weather for outdoor play and social distancing walks as part of our allowed outdoor activities.

Unfortunately, based on current Government advice due to the need to minimise the spread of the virus, schools will remain closed. Any school offering any kind of provision will be doing so in a childcare capacity only. Schools are no longer required to provide education. As stated in my previous communications, class teachers will be emailing home further Home Learning activities for you to complete with your young person at home. We do appreciate this is not always easy as some of our young people view school as school and home as home and many of you will be balancing work commitments too. Please just do what you can. As soon as we return to school we will continue to support your young person taking into account the extraordinary circumstances we all currently find ourselves in. Completed work and photographs of your young person completing activities can be sent to their teachers. This should be the only email communication directly to teachers. This will enable teachers to continue planning, making resources to send home and assessing and marking work received.

We recognise that some learners will find this situation more challenging than others, especially as time passes. Please do not hesitate to contact the Senior Leadership Team if you do need some support. Their contact email addresses are;

Sara Avenell – Primary Department Leader – sara.avenell@kennellaneschool.com

Sammy O'Brien – Woodlands Hub Leader – samantha.O'Brien@kennellaneschool.com

Jo Roclawski – Secondary Department Leader – jo.roclawski@kennellaneschool.com

Michelle Higgs – Designated Safeguarding Leader – michelle.higgs@kennellaneschool.com

We kindly ask that all communication is made through the Senior Leadership team and not class teachers.

We will be providing updates in the following ways;

- School Comms – An brief update will be provided next week on the school's closure.
- School's Website – <https://www.kennellaneschool.com/> - This is being regularly updated with Home Learning Resources and communications to carers, parents and learners.
- Twitter – Our Twitter account is @KLSBracknell.

Pupil Premium learners in receipt of Free School Meals will be receiving £15.00 a week through the Government's new voucher scheme. The first voucher will be received via email on Monday 20th April and every Monday onwards that we remain closed. The email will come from noreply@edenred.co.uk, please check your email Junk Box. Please follow the steps on the email to redeem the voucher code. The voucher can be used at the following supermarkets Sainsbury's, Tesco, Asda, Morrisons, M&S, and Waitrose. The voucher can be redeemed by presenting the voucher on a smart phone or tablet or taking a paper copy shopping with you. Sammy O'Brien will be leading on this, please contact her using the email address above, if you need any further support.

Currently, we are providing provision for the children of our key workers through a company called The Alt Prov. Like a lot of schools, we have had to prioritise those families where both parents are key workers and single parent key workers. However, if you feel you may need this support please contact samantha.morgan@kennellaneschool.com providing evidence from your employer to identify your role and that you are not able to work from home. Where possible The Alt Prov are providing this provision in the home to minimise contact points for our young people with the virus.

We are currently working with the Local Authority to provide support for our young people who are deemed vulnerable because they have a Social Worker. Due to the current Government guidelines this support will consist of part-time child care, maximum 6 hours per week, spread over a number of days to ensure minimal learners and colleagues are accessing school at any one time. All colleagues will be wearing PPE clothing and we cannot guarantee that it will be familiar colleagues working with your young person. This provision would not be available to any young person with a medical condition where they could be at a greater risk if they caught the virus, including any young person whose possible medical condition is being investigated. We will be contacting those carers and parents shortly who have already had discussions with Children's Social Care and who have suggested that they need this support. This provision will be arranged once we are aware of Children's Social Care's availability to also support our young people and these families as well as the availability of PPE equipment. Where it is safer to do so, the guidance is clear that young people should remain at home. Carers and parents will be expected to transport their young person to and from school to minimise additional contact points with the virus to keep other learners and colleagues safe.

We are continuing to put a regular newsletter together for you to share with your young person. This will also be on our website. Edition 2 will be going live shortly. If you are happy for us to share photographs of you and your young person at home doing various activities on our website please can you send them to Sam at samantha.morgan@kennellaneschool.com.

We all look forward to seeing your young person again when it is safe to do so. Thank you for your continued support and understanding in these challenging times.

Best wishes,



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