



Learn to Love, Love to Learn

20th February 2023

Re Latest Update

We hope you all had an enjoyable half term break with your children.

Please note the following -

Internet Safety Day

Due to our Eco Week before half term, we postponed our Internet Safety Day until today. At KIPS we cannot over emphasise the need for all of our pupils to be safe online. For Internet Safety Day, we are delivering workshops and assemblies for all of our pupils at age appropriate levels and homeworks will also be set this week in relation to this.

PDMU/ Preventative Curriculum

As part of our School Development Plan this year we have been reviewing our Preventative Curriculum; this is looking at all of the ways we educate our pupils in fostering independence and staying safe.

After review, we are now implementing a new model for our PDMU weekly lessons (Personal Development and Mutual Understanding). Each class will have at least two sessions per half term on the following –

- **My Happy Mind Programme (focusing on mental health and well being)**
- **Circle Time (allowing opportunities for pupils to share and tackle different issues such as dealing with conflict or bereavement)**
- **Internet Safety – age appropriate lessons following the Project Evolve Scheme**

P7 Transfer Applications

Please ensure that your Post Primary Application form is submitted before the deadline on **Thursday 23rd February**.

School Operational Plans for Tuesday 21st February 2023

As a result of teachers' strike action planned for Tuesday 21st February please note the following arrangements based on risk assessment –

The school will be closed for all pupils for the morning session.

School will start at 12.15pm for all pupils. Registration will start at 12noon. Please do not arrive on to school grounds before this time.

School Dinners

Lunch will be provided as normal. However, if you wish for your child to have a canteen lunch this must be booked via School Money by Sunday 19th February. This morning pupils have been asked if they are having a school meal on Tuesday as numbers must be with Glastro Kitchens by 9.30am each day.

Buses

There will be no morning bus services. All return services in the afternoon will operate as normal.

After School Clubs

All after school clubs will be in operation as planned.

Parent Consultations Week

In order to facilitate our P2-P6 Consultation Meetings for the **week commencing Monday 27th February** please note the following arrangements for all pupils - **NB During this week (Monday to Friday) all pupils (including P1 and P7) will**

finish early –

P1 – 1.00 pm

P2 – 1.10 pm

P3 – 1.10 pm

P4 – 1.20 pm

P5 – 1.20 pm

P6 – 1.30 pm

P7 – 1.30 pm

School dinners will be available as normal during this week.

Pupils who get the 2pm bus can do so as normal (supervision will be provided until 2pm). For pupils who normally get the 3pm bus we will provide supervision in the hall from 2-3pm **if you have no alternative option for collection at the specified time above. If you wish to request 2-3pm supervision please contact the School Office to book a place this week.**

Please note there are no after school clubs during the week commencing Monday 27th February other than KIPS Care.

SEN Annual Reviews

Meetings for parents of pupils with a statement of SEN will take place on Thursday and Friday this week. Please confirm your attendance today if you haven't already done so.

School Grounds Work

You may have already noticed a number of trees have been removed from the school grounds over half term. This was unavoidable work to enable essential additional health and safety work to commence as soon as possible. This will include additional permanent fencing and traffic calming measures that will replace the temporary barriers currently in use. We will update you once the next phase is confirmed.

KIPS+ Disco

Many thanks to our KIPS+ Committee for organising our School Disco before half term. It was an extremely successful event and our children had a blast!

R Irvine
Principal