



Kingswinford Academy

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Kingswinford Academy Parent Bulletin
16th - 20th November 2020



Dear Parent/Carer

Some wonderful news in these challenging times - our very own Blessing Chitapa (A Kingswinford Student from 2 years ago - above) has progressed to the final of the Voice! What an incredible achievement and I do hope you will join us in supporting her - fingers crossed for Blessing! She was amazing in the Semifinals last week and we expect even more in the Finals tomorrow night! Do please vote for Blessing - it would be just incredible if she won!

Thank you all, too, for supporting our efforts to keep our students and community safe by making sure our students have masks in schools. Please do try and make sure that these are cleaned regularly (or replaced, if disposable). We do try to keep a small stock of masks/visors on site available for students, but this is limited.

I hope you have had a good weekend.

Yours faithfully

Tom Macdonald
Headteacher

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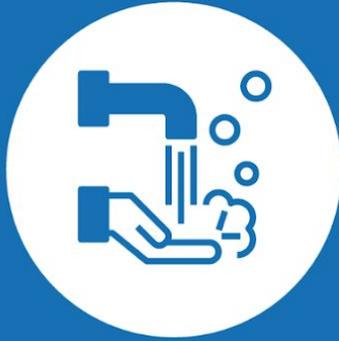
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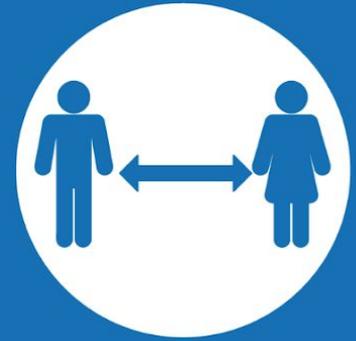
COVID-19 Update



HANDS



FACE



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Following the transition into lockdown, we do need to make some adjustments to our approaches to keeping our community safe. We have introduced these already, but please make sure you are familiar with these changes and support our students in keeping to these additional changes.

- 1. Masks** - All students and staff are required to wear masks or visors when not in their seats in the classroom, or when eating or drinking. Masks should be plain (or simple patterns) and should not be snoods or bandanas. If your child has an exemption you should let the school know as soon as possible (if you have not already so). We will offer exempt students a uniform pass should they wish one, or they may wear the mask exemption lanyard (sunflower lanyard) if they have one. All other students must wear a face mask when necessary. Those persistently failing to wear their mask, may face sanctions.
- 2. Ventilation** - Schools are required to ensure that classrooms are well ventilated wherever possible. This means that classrooms may be colder than usual. School jumpers can be worn and are available at the uniform shop, but students should bring their own, suitable, coat in case of low temperatures. Their teacher will inform them if they are permitted to wear them in class.
- 3. PE** - Students should continue to come to school in their PE kit when they are scheduled for PE during the day. However, all students should wear their school blazer in addition to their PE kit. This will provide additional warmth in class and through the day.

Attendance Update

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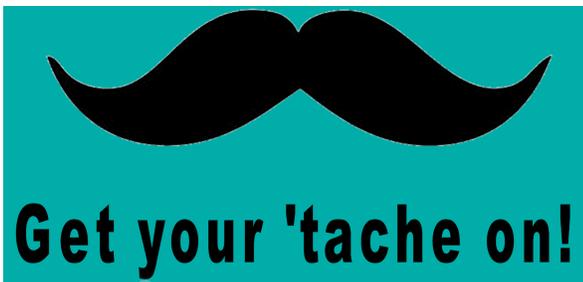
There are now two online forms on our website for parents to use to report an absence and request a leave of absence.

<https://kingswinfordacademy.org.uk/school-life/essential-information/attendance/>

If you cannot get through to Reception to report an absence due to lines being busy, you can also text **01384 686047** to report the absence.

November

J Wilkes



Each year, staff (and some students!) grow Mustaches and raise some money in aid of 'Movember' - a charity supporting men's health issues and research. Our apologies in advance for the appearance of some of our male staff members - it is all in a good cause!

Remembrance Day

P Jones



We commemorated this special day and remembered our service personnel.

We had a wreath for each year group that are displayed at the front of the school, as well as some Remembrance focused activities during the week. We observed the 2 minute silence and shared this virtual assembly with our students.

https://youtu.be/_zGdaz_BFXy

We are so proud of our students who were wonderfully respectful of the day and its importance to so many members of our community. All students have also been involved in creating a display of remembrance in each year group.

Meetings on site

T Macdonald

Please note that we seek to avoid all unessential onsite meetings. Meetings cannot take place without a prior appointment and agreement as rooms need to be prepared and thoroughly cleaned before and afterwards. Where meetings do take place with visitors - all parties must wear face coverings unless exempt.

Calendar

Week Beginning 16th November Week 1

Monday 16th	
Tuesday 17th	
Wednesday 18th	
Thursday 19th	
Friday 20th	

Week Beginning 23rd November Week 2

Monday 23rd	INSET Day - School closed to students
Tuesday 24th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Nasal Flu vaccinations - Year 7 (Sports Hall)
Wednesday 25th	
Thursday 26th	
Friday 27th	
Advance notice	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● INSET day - 4th December, school closed to students● Yr 11 Parents Evening (Virtual) - 9th December (tbc)● Term Ends - 18th December

THE VOICE UK SEMI FINALS

**GO ON
BLESSING!**



**THE KINGSWINFORD ACADEMY
IS SO PROUD OF YOU**

Notices from Dudley Local Authority

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Keep up to date with [latest coronavirus advice](#) and

how it affects council services

Find out the latest [government guidance](#)

COVID-19 Emergency Assistance Grant



The grant is for food and essential supplies to support people who are struggling to afford food and other essentials due to financial hardship and/or hardship caused by COVID-19. This scheme is temporary.

The maximum amount you can be awarded is £300 and you must live in Dudley borough.

find out more



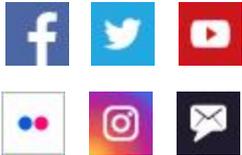
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Guidance for government rules regarding self isolation

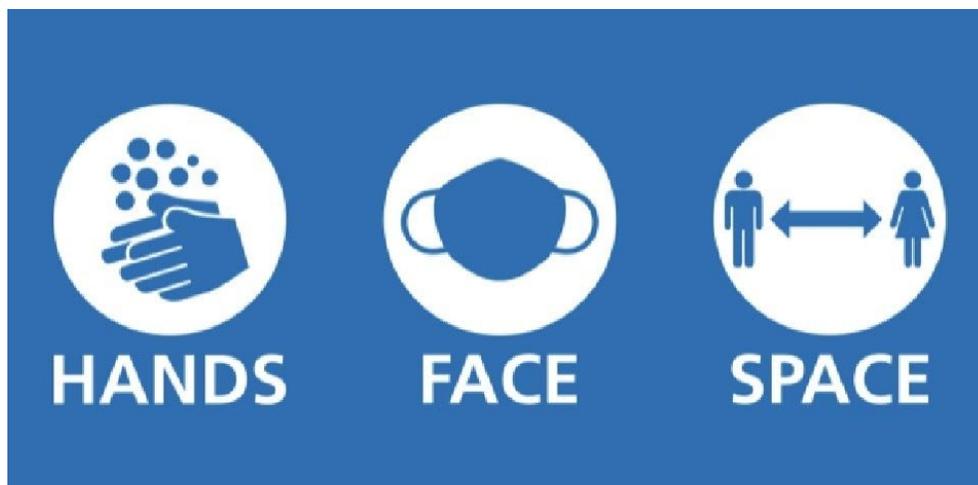


Detailed guidance regarding self isolation periods and households can be found below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Please support us by ensuring that all isolation periods are adhered to and do not allow your child to attend school if they have any of the following:

- A continuous cough
- High temperature 38c or above
- Loss of taste or smell





[Download Leaflet here](#)

Play your part, protect Dudley borough - help us avoid a local lockdown!
Staying alert remains critical!
Got symptoms?
Get tested. Protect your friends and family. Do not leave home.

Visit nhs.uk/coronavirus or call 119 for a test.
Visit Dudley Council's website for more information.



Anyone who has symptoms of coronavirus can get a FREE test.

If you develop symptoms: new persistent cough, fever or a change in, or loss of, your sense of smell or taste - you need to do two things:

1) You and anyone in your household must immediately self-isolate until you receive the results of your test.

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2) You need to order a test immediately. You can do this online at nhs.uk/coronavirus or call 119.

If your test is positive you must continue to self-isolate for 10 days from when your symptoms started. Anyone in your household must continue to self-isolate for a total of 14 days. If your test is negative you and everyone in your household no longer needs to self-isolate. However, if you do still feel unwell you should remain at home until you feel better.

Coronavirus hasn't gone away, we all need to help control the virus and save lives.



- Regular hand washing is still vital
- Keep a safe distance from others (two metres where possible)
- Continue to limit your contact with other people
- Wear face coverings to protect yourself and others



Parents and carers are encouraged to visit [Dudley Council's website](#) for useful back to school information and practical guidance.