



Kingswinford Academy

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Kingswinford Academy Parent Bulletin
24th - 27th 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 won the final of the Voice! What an incredible achievement. Everyone at Kingswinford is so very proud of her and send huge congratulations.

We are still in regular communication with Blessing and she has very kindly offered to give an interview (virtually) to answer questions offered by students from our school and across the Trust!

If your son or daughter would like to ask Blessing a question, they can submit a question at the following website - who knows - perhaps their question will be selected and they can ask Blessing whatever they'd like!

<https://www.windsoracademytrust.org.uk/interview-blessing-chitapa/>

I hope you have had a good weekend and do remember that the school is closed on Monday!

Yours faithfully

Tom Macdonald
Headteacher

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COVID-19 Update



We recognise that this is a challenging time for all, but we are dependent on working together to ensure that we can continue to safeguard our community. We would like to remind you of a few important points that will greatly support us in keeping our community safe.

1. **Masks** - Please ensure your child attends school with a **clean** mask each day. If they are coming with a disposable mask they should bring a spare. Students who do not bring in a mask are increasing the risk of infection for our community and will be subject to sanction from this point [unless exempt].
2. **When to Self Isolate** - we recognise that there are different circumstances in different situations but please remember that our best method of preventing the spread of infection is to make sure those exposed to the virus remain at home and self isolate. To support please consider the following:
 - a. **Symptoms and Tests** - If anyone in your household, including members of your support bubble, has symptoms or is awaiting test results - ***your child must self isolate***
 - b. **Contact with COVID-19 Positive Individuals** - ONLY those who have had contact need to self isolate - ***your child should only self isolate if they themselves have been in contact***
 - c. **Alerted by Track and Trace app** - Only adults who are identified along with children under 16 if they were exposed at the same time should self isolate.

In all cases contact the school to confirm self isolation timescales. If you are in any doubt, **please keep your child at home until you have discussed the situation with the school**

3. **Social Distancing** - we do encourage students to limit their social group, and keep their distance and keep this consistent both in and out of school. Whilst socialising

Attendance Update

G Dickens

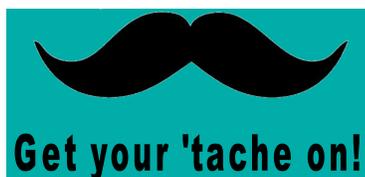
There are now two online forms on our website for parents to use to report an absence and request a leave of absence.

<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.

Movember

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!

Dudley Early Help

S Fletcher

Dudley's Early Help service is about taking action early, and as soon as possible, to provide support for children, young people and their families who may be facing some challenges.

If any of our families feel that this service could help them or would like to know more please contact Mrs Fletcher who can talk through the support available and help with the referral to the Family Centre.

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.

Fundraising

T Macdonald

Thank you to all students, parents and staff who have made donations to support the chosen charities of those poor young people, ex Crestwood students, who sadly died in the awful car accident before half term. We will be passing over the money raised later this week, so if anyone would like to make a last donation, please pass this to reception or to your year team who have a collection bucket for this purpose.

Cold and Wet Weather

T Macdonald

As the weather worsens and gets colder and wetter, it is increasingly important that students come to school with the correct clothing:

- On PE days students should wear their blazer for wearing in class as well as a suitable coat to keep warm and dry at break and lunchtime
- Students should wear a coat to school to keep them warm and dry
- Hoodies are **never** permitted on site and will be removed from students.

Calendar

Week Beginning 23rd November Week 2

Monday 23rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Disaggregated INSET day - school closed to students
Tuesday 24th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nasal Flu vaccinations - Year 7 (Sports Hall 9:30am)
Wednesday 25th	
Thursday 26th	
Friday 27th	

Week Beginning 30th November Week 1

Monday 30th	
Tuesday 1st	
Wednesday 2nd	
Thursday 3rd	
Friday 4th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● WAT COLLABORATIVE INSET DAY- school closed to students
Advance notice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Elevate Sessions Time Management Year 11 (Draft) 16th December ● Yr 11 Parents Evening (Virtual) 4:30pm-7:30pm 16th & 17th December <i>Please note this is a change of date</i> ● Term Ends - 18th December ● Term starts 4th January 2021

Covid-19 High Alert



COVID-19 Alert
Dudley borough has very high infection rates

- ▶ **STAY HOME**
- ▶ **SAVE LIVES**

Find out more at www.dudley.gov.uk/coronavirus
Play your part - protect Dudley borough

Dudley
Metropolitan Borough Council

COVID-19 cases are continuing to soar in Dudley, and now the borough has the highest figures in the West Midlands.

Unless the number of cases starts to fall, local restrictions could remain in place post lockdown, and in the run up to Christmas.

Residents are being urged to follow the national lockdown rules.

See the latest figures on our data dashboard
www.dudleyhealthandwellbeing.org.uk/localoutbreakcontrolplan

For advice and information on coronavirus visit including testing locally www.dudley.gov.uk/coronavirus

Notices from Dudley Local Authority

[Download the covid app](#) today



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



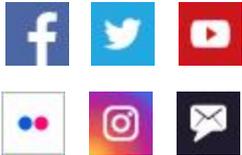
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Guidance for government rules regarding self isolation

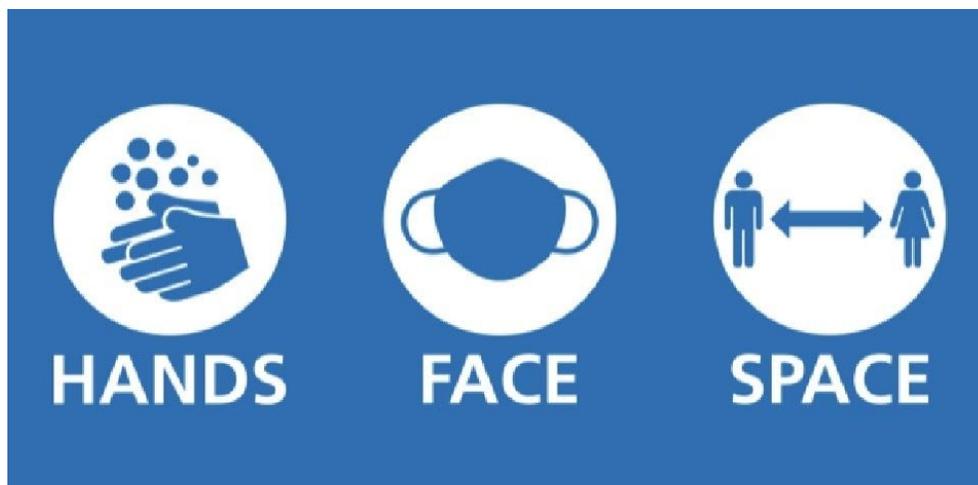


Detailed guidance regarding self isolation periods and households can be found below.

<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](https://www.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:

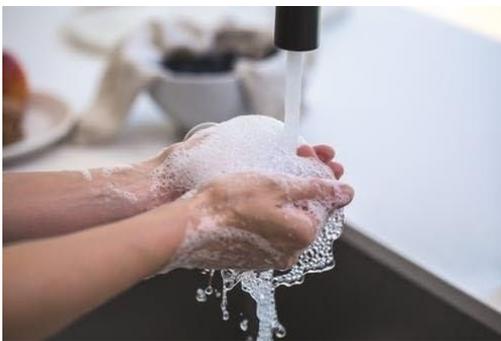
1) You and anyone in your household must immediately self-isolate until you receive the results of your test.

Play your part, protect Dudley borough - help us avoid a local lockdown!

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.