



Kingswinford Academy

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Kingswinford Academy Parent Bulletin
September 28th - 2nd October, 2020



Dear Parent/Carer

Following the Prime Minister's announcements and changes to regulations this week, we are pleased to see that the school can remain open and we can continue with our existing approaches. Whilst we have, like most schools now, had cases within the school community, we are confident that our approaches are effective and in line with the national guidance. Furthermore, I am very pleased that we have established live online lessons for those groups working at home alongside our Google Classrooms.

We have, too, secured some additional devices for students to use from home should they need them. This is obviously a limited resource but please do make sure you have completed our survey to ensure that we can support you should you need it: we have a small stock of chromebooks and WiFi devices specifically for this purpose, but we do need to prioritise. Please find the survey [here](#).

Yours faithfully

Tom Macdonald
Headteacher

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Face Masks in Schools



Public Health England and the Department for Education are quite clear in their guidance at the moment that face masks are not appropriate in the classroom. Education relies on communication and face masks are a barrier to this and we are compliant with the national advice and guidance and do not permit face masks in the classroom without very specific medical guidance.

That being said, we feel strongly that masks are a strong protection in those environments outside of the classroom where the likelihood of coming into contact with others might increase. Whilst we encourage social distancing in the school and keep students outdoors as much as possible during their free time - we have less influence over their social distancing on their journey to and from school. For this reason we **strongly recommend** that students wear appropriate masks on their journey to and from school as well as during break and lunch in school.

Dudley Council Guidance



Given the continued increase in cases of coronavirus across the authority, Dudley Council is strongly advising staff, parents/carers and visitors to wear face coverings in public areas of school. Some schools are doing this in our neighbouring boroughs.

This means:

Parents/carers are asked to wear face coverings:

- On the school site when dropping off and picking up children
- If they need to access the main school reception area for any reason
- If for any reason they need to access a classroom or corridors in school

Staff:

- In the playground when parents/carers are dropping off or collecting children (where applicable)

Other visitors:

- When accessing the main reception
- If they are unable to keep a safe 2 metre distance from other people when working on site

ChromeBook Loans

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Thank you to all students and parents who have returned chromebooks to the school following the lockdown for servicing and repairs. We are processing these as rapidly as possible.

Please complete the [Google form survey](#) regarding your child's access to a device so that we can support any students who need to self isolate effectively. This information is critical and does need to be updated as we have limited resources.

Parking Opportunity

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Thank you to everyone who took up the kind offer from the Union pub to use their parking facilities - unfortunately we have been too effective!

Parents are still welcome to use the car park, but must 'Pop in for a pop' and just go to the bar to order a soft drink if you wish to wait in their car park.

We are seeking partnerships with other local businesses with car parks too so that we can offer even more support for parents.

Calendar

Week Beginning 28th September

Timetable week 1

Monday 28th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1st dose HPV - Y8 (boys and girls for all HPV)
Tuesday 29th	
Wednesday 30th	
Thursday 1st	
Friday 2nd	

Week Beginning 5th October

Timetable week 2

Monday 5th	
Tuesday 6th	
Wednesday 7th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 7 transition / settling in evening 4pm - 5:30pm
Thursday 8th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 7 transition / settling in evening 4pm - 5:30pm
Friday 9th	
Advance notice	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Careers Evening TBC• LAB meeting 6.00 pm 19th October• Break Up Half Term 23rd October• Year 11 Mocks 2nd November - 13th November

Online Learning



As well as using Google Classroom for Remote Learning (homework), please note that, should students need to self isolate, work is now available for all students so that they can continue with their studies using their usual login.

Live Lessons have also begun this week for many self isolating students, do please encourage your child to attend any live lessons and keep up with their work.

If you are struggling to access remote learning, please contact the school so that we can offer support.

iPads for Learning

Windsor Academy Trust is going digital!

Just before the country went into lockdown, representatives from all schools in WAT visited Apple's Headquarters in London to explore the world of digital classrooms.



We were amazed by the way in which iPads can be used by students in the classroom to transform education and so are working with our partners at Apple and Jigsaw to redesign the way we deliver lessons through the use of iPads for staff and students.

This year we are inviting all Year 7 students to join our iPads for Learning programme so that we can use iPads both in and out of the classroom to transform the way we teach and learn in school.

Thank you to all of the year 7 parents who have booked onto one of our seminars so far - if you haven't already please do so through windsoracademytrust.org.uk/ipads.

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



Information from Dudley Local Authority



[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.



