



**25th September 2020**  
**Autumn Term—Newsletter 2**

- As you will have seen from the letter sent earlier in the week our start and end times will be changing to be back in line with our usual permanent arrangements.
- From the 5th October, the gates will return to opening at 8.40am. As such, children should NOT be on site at all before 8.30am when Mrs Peek and Mrs Hathaway are waiting at the gates. Our Breakfast Club now runs from 8.00am and there are still spaces available should you need earlier childcare.
- We fully understand that for parents with children at Kings Park who had previously relied on the school bus to take their children home, timings might be a little tight but with the exception of Year 3, we have returned to our usual end times for the children. Please contact us directly if you have any specific questions about this. We are trying to look in to whether a bus company is prepared to take on this school route, but this is proving a challenge as it is not a designated Norfolk Transport route and is reliant on a company wanting to take on a private contract.

**Suitable clothing and footwear and PE kits**

We are currently still having external doors (unless very cold) and windows open in classes to ensure there is good ventilation. However, some of the children have mentioned that they are cold, but do not have school cardigans or jumpers with them. Please ensure, particularly as the weather gets colder that children have coats and jumpers each day in school. They will go outside to play in most weathers. Some parents have asked whether children can wear welly boots to school and change them in class. As long as they have a bag with them to pop the wellies in, this is absolutely fine. They will be stored under their desks or on a peg.

Please can you make sure that children are in appropriate PE kit on their PE days. The agreed uniform is **plain black, navy or grey tracksuit trousers, 'joggers' or leggings, a plain white t shirt and a plain black or navy sweatshirt or their school sweatshirt/cardigan**. This system is working well generally, but please ensure your child has the correct kit.

**Pupil voice on their return to school...**

All classes have held their first Class Council Meeting of the term and School Council Representatives have been seeking the views of the children on how they feel about their return to school. They were asked:

What has gone well? \* What has been challenging? \* Is there anything you don't understand that we now do that you would like explaining to you better? \* Is there anything that you think the adults in school need to/could improve to make your experience of being back at school even better?

Once all responses are in, we will collate these and use them to help us not only understand how the children are feeling, but to answer the questions they have raised and to adapt our Recovery Plans where needed.

Overall there are many common themes across all year groups. Children have commented they are enjoying learning in school and having 'proper' lessons again, working with their new teachers, seeing their friends and being in a new class. Challenges have included handwashing so frequently, social distancing, not playing with friends from other bubbles, remembering learning from 6 months ago and having to stay in their seats more. The questions they have asked have been varied but we will provide answers to them all and share these with them.

We will shortly be issuing a Survey Monkey questionnaire to parents too, so we can better understand how you have found the transition back to school too. You will be sent a link when this questionnaire is launched.