



Date: 4/9/20

Issue: 1

Principal: Miss J Slinger

School Uniform

Please remember that our uniform policy expects all children to wear all black footwear. All black trainers are fine but no large coloured patterns/logos, coloured soles or coloured laces. If children are bringing different trainers for the Daily Mile, this is fine, but children must wear their black footwear in class. We continue to have a large stock of plimsolls for children to change into if they have not brought appropriate footwear.

Trainers for PE do not need to be black

If children have PE last lesson, they will come home in their kit

Dinner Money

The cost of hot dinners is £10.00 per week.

Payment should be sent in on a Monday in an envelope with your child's name and hot dinners clearly marked on the envelope.

Dinners must be paid for in advance

GDPR

Emergency contacts for children

'If you provide emergency contact details, please ensure you have checked with the contact that they are happy for you to share these details with us'

NO SMOKING SIGNS

Due to the health and safety of the children could we remind parents/carers not to smoke outside the school perimeter

Thank you

A note from the Principal

Hello all!

We understand that families have had different experiences through the national and local lockdown and hope that you are all doing well.

It is so nice to be writing my first newsletter of 20-21 to you all! Although we have continued to communicate with you regularly throughout the challenges over the past few months, it is great to get back to a more normal way of updating you on things at Knighton Mead.

This week has been full of smiles, laughter, joy and resilience—we couldn't have asked for a more positive start and great attitude from all of the children in school. Our attendance has been around 97% every day which is fantastic and we feel everyone is ready to come to school full time from next Monday as planned.

As we move through the next term, there will undoubtedly be questions and clarifications to be made but we are grateful for your trust in us, that we are doing all that we can to ensure the safest possible return for Knighton pupils. Thank you for your support—it is appreciated.

Unfortunately, there will be no Snack Shack until further notice but children are welcome to bring in a healthy snack from home for break times. However, we are pleased that bagels from Magic Breakfast will be returning from Monday—these will be handed out in class by an adult wearing PPE.

I've had some questions about book bags. We encourage children to bring these in as they have done before.

Your child/ren will now know which day their PE sessions will be on. We are asking that pupils come to school in PE kit on those days, to reduce risk when children are changing. As always, these lessons will be outside as much as possible.

Due to the extra school closure days last week (26th-28th Aug), the scheduled INSET day on Monday 4th January will now be open to pupils. Please ensure that your child now attends on this day.

Once again, a huge thank you for your support, patience and faith over the last few months, currently and as we navigate our way through the next term and year. I can reassure you that every member of the Knighton Mead staff is committed to providing your child/ren with the best and safest possible education.

As always, feel free to call the office (00162330666) if you would like to make a phone appointment with me.

Take care and have a great weekend!

Miss Slinger



Twitter

Search: KnightonTMET

Please make sure that you follow us on Twitter to keep up to date with news and events but also see what your children are up to whilst in school!

<https://twitter.com/knightontmet>



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Upcoming Dates

Monday 7th Sept—all children return to Knighton (including Nursery)

Over the next couple of weeks, we would normally hold welcome mornings for families to attend and meet their child/ren’s teachers. However, these will not be able to take place due to Covid-19 restrictions. If you would like to talk to any of our teachers, please email or call the school office to make an appointment.

Trips, events and clubs will not be taking place until at least after October half term

Outdoor Learning and Environment

You may have noticed (from afar and/or on Twitter) that we have invested in to our outdoor provision over the last few months. We want to be outside with children as much as possible as this reduces the risk of infection but also enhances our high quality curriculum and enrichment offer. This will continue to be a focus as we progress through this year. Ask your children what they have spotted which is new!

Some photos from this week (see Twitter for even more!)



Gates and Social Distancing

Thank you for your patience with new systems and routines at Knighton—all has gone really well this week.

8:35—gates open

8:35-8:50 children are dropped off at their designated gate. Staff on gates to answer any questions and on doors to welcome pupils

8:50 gates are locked by a member of the senior leadership team

3:00 gates are opened and parents come on to the designated area of their child’s playground

3:10 children are brought out to line up and dismissed. Families to leave playground as soon as possible

Reminders:

- 1 parent on the playground with each family of children, to avoid unnecessary crowding
- Families to remain socially distanced from other households when on the playground and the surrounding areas of school
- Masks are currently optional for adults picking up children, providing all are socially distanced—we’ve had no issues with this so far so thank you!

Attendance



Our attendance at Knighton Mead this week has been fantastic. It has been lovely to see you all back in school, on time and ready to learn.

We will continue to focus on punctuality over the new academic year so please remember that:

School begins at 8:50am with the classroom doors opening at 8.35am

Please help your child to be punctual.

We will be continuing with our class attendance and punctuality medals and I will be updating results weekly on the new letter.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Edwards

CHARACTER MUSCLE OF THE WEEK —

week beginning Monday 7th September

— CURIOSITY

Wanting to know or learn something. Asking questions to learn more.

