



Date: 3/9/21

Issue: 2

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 Boost, 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

No jewellery

On PE days, pupils are currently asked to come to school dressed in PE kit

Dinner Money

The cost of dinners is £10.00 per week.

Dinners can be ordered and paid for through our

School Gateway App

www.schoolgateway.com/apple

www.schoolgateway.com/android

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

A note from the Principal

Hello all,

Children are settling in to the new year brilliantly—the school building is full of positivity and a strong sense of purpose. Your children will begin to have home learning set by their teacher and will bring home books to be reading too. We value parent and family support at Knighton Mead, as it plays such a vital role in children's development and learning. Please make sure you know the expectation of your child's year group and thank you in advance for working alongside us to help these expectations be met by all pupils. There will be chance to find out more at welcome meetings over the next couple weeks—we hope to see lots of you there! Dates are included with this newsletter. We also have our year group email addresses for you to use, should you need to contact your child's teacher at any time.

You may have already heard from your child/ren that we have introduced Makaton to our Early Years setting this year but are also planning on developing the use of it across the rest of the school to support communication and the understanding that this comes in different forms. Here is a brief overview of the programme taken from the official website...

'Makaton is a unique language programme that uses symbols, signs and speech to enable people to communicate. It supports the development of essential communication skills such as attention and listening, comprehension, memory, recall and organisation of language and expression.

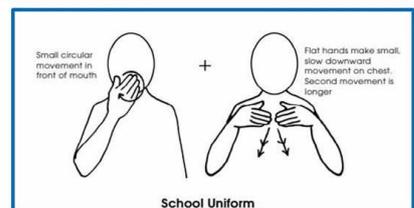
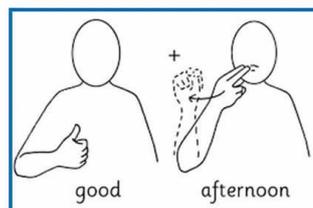
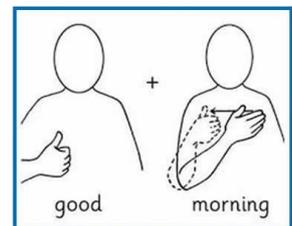
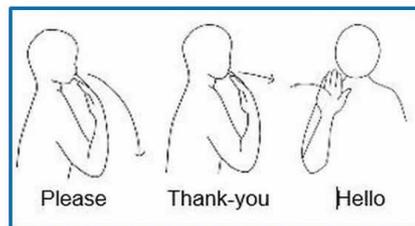
'Being able to communicate is one of the most important skills we need in life. Almost everything we do involves communication; everyday tasks such as learning at school, asking for food and drink, sorting out problems, making friends and having fun. These all rely on our ability to communicate with each other.'

Ask your child to show you some signs they've already learnt!

Finally, a reminder that children should not be wearing jewellery to school and if they have their ear/s pierced, only studs should be worn. This is to avoid any health and safety risks when playing out on the playground etc.

Have a wonderful weekend and see you next Monday!

Miss Slinger



Twitter

Search: KnightonTMET <https://twitter.com/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!

Enquiries: office@knighton-tmet.uk





Upcoming Dates

Welcome meetings - in the school hall (we encourage all adults to wear a face covering)



- 2:45 on Tues 7th Sept—Y1
- 2:45 on Weds 8th Sept—Y2
- 2:45 on Thurs 9th Sept—Y3
- 2:45 on Tues 14th Sept—Y4
- 2:45 on Weds 15th Sept—Y5
- 2:45 on Thurs 16th Sept—Y6

Thurs 16th Sept—TMET Football League begins

Mon 20th Sept—Harvest assembly

Thurs 23rd Sept 9am—Tapestry meeting for parents

Mon 4th Oct (this date has been changed from 7th October)—individual pupil photos to be taken

Tuesday 5th Oct—Autumn Fair (to be confirmed)

Weds 13th and Thurs 14th Oct—Parents’ Evenings (logistics of this will be shared nearer the time e.g. online, phone calls or face to face)

Fri 15th Oct—Always Club

School Gateway and moving towards being paperless!

To improve our communication with parent/carers, reduce paper letters and enable you to make efficient payments online for things like school dinners and trips, we now have a system called School Gateway. A huge number of families are already set up so thank you!

Most of Knighton Mead related communication and payments have been going through this system from February and this is now the central hub of information for parents. We hope to move newsletters to this too very soon. Please download the app for free if you haven’t done so already by searching School Gateway in your App store and download.

The set-up process is simple and will take no more than a couple of minutes:

1. Search for “School Gateway” in the Apple App Store/Google Play or on your phone go to www.schoolgateway.com/apple (Apple) or www.schoolgateway.com/android (Android)
2. Install the app and if you are asked then say yes to “Allow Push Notifications”
3. When you launch School Gateway for the first time, please select ‘New User’ and enter the email address and mobile telephone number you have registered with the Knighton Mead.
4. The system will send a PIN code to your phone; please enter this PIN code and the app will be activated for you.

As soon as you’ve got the system set-up, all of the text messages we send you will appear in the app; you’ll receive notifications/alerts as normal.

Use School Gateway to make online payments with a debit or credit card any time 24-7. You can also view meal balances and top them up. Plus, you can give online consent where required, for your child to take part in trips and other activities.

If you are having trouble activating your School Gateway account, it may be because the school does not have your current e-mail and mobile phone number on record. It is essential that you contact the school so that we can update your details on our system and enable your access to the service. Please let us know if you have any updates!

Attendance



Congratulations Hughenden with a wonderful week of attendance and congratulations also to

Class	% Attendance
Richmond	96.3%
Hughenden	97.8%
Lothair	93.3%
Sheridan	94.4%
Cavendish	95.4%
Saffron	94.7%
Totals	95.3%

Cavendish with only one late mark this week. Please remember to contact school and either speak to a member of staff or leave a message for everyday your child is absent.

Many thanks for your support. Mrs Edwards

Character Muscle of the Week

- week beginning 6th September—CURIOSITY

Curiosity is the state of being curious: inquisitive, wondering, ready to poke around and figure something out!