

Wednesday 6th September, 2017

Hello Infants and Juniors parents,

We've had a lovely day with your children today and had a great start to the new school year! We've been settling into our new spaces and getting to know our new teams. More normal lessons begin tomorrow!

Pick Up information

Your child is bringing home a letter this evening regarding the adults who have authorisation to collect them. Please can this be returned, with full details of all adults, and accompanied by photos of the adults who are trusted to collect your child. The photos may be emailed to your child's class teachers using the email addresses provided.

Medical and First Aid information

If your child has a medical condition and you have not had a meeting with Ms England or Ms Colmans to update their Healthcare Plan, it is vital that you do so. Please email i.colmans@kingsolomonacademy.org to make an appointment.

In order to communicate more effectively when a child has received first aid or has sustained a head injury we will now be implementing a procedure which involves the child receiving a wristband if they have received medical attention at school. This will also be accompanied by a letter with a summary of the medical attention required and any further information required to keep them safe at home. If the child's injury is serious we will also communicate with parents/ carers on the phone.

If you did not receive the text message or email which was sent yesterday we may not have your current contact details on file. Please send any updates to i.colmans@kingsolomonacademy

We have taken on board parent feedback that you would like to be able to contact Ms. Colmans more easily about questions and concerns regarding pupils' medical information or for updating personal details, and for parents who would like to request additional support from the school (e.g. passport signing, letters for housing etc). Alongside the receptionists who will be responding to the usual morning queries, Ms. Colmans will also be based behind the Main Reception every morning from 8.30-10am for parents to drop in and speak to and she will either support you there and then or be able to put you in touch with a more relevant member of staff.

Uniform

Most pupils have come back to school looking very smart. We've had lots of positive feedback from parents to say that they have found the new system easy to use which is great news. Please use the instructions on the website to order any outstanding items:

<http://kingsolomonacademy.org/about-us/uniform>

PE

As in previous years, pupils should come to school in full PE kit on the day of their PE lessons. Pupils have PE on the following days:

Year group and class	PE day
6 Warwick	Thursday (starting tomorrow)
6 Nottingham	Tuesday
5 Leeds and 5 Birmingham	Monday
4 UCL and 4 Newcastle	Friday (starting this week)
3 Queen Mary's and 3 Derby	Tuesday

2 Durham and 2 Edinburgh	Thursday (starting tomorrow)
1 Edge Hill and 1 Nottingham Trent	Wednesday
Reception RADA and Aegean	Thursday (starting next week)

Rewards and consequences

We took a lot of feedback last year from parents, children and staff about how we help pupils develop their characters through the way we manage their behaviours. We have trained all the staff over the last week on improvements to our routines and have begun training pupils today too. Please see the attached word document for more information.

We will share more details with you at Getting To Know You Dinners (dates below) and on the website here: <http://kingsolomonacademy.org/school-culture/behaviour>

Reading

All pupils will come home with a reading book or extracts for reading tomorrow alongside their Reading Record. We have really prioritised reading in the curriculum and in the timetable in school this year and would be delighted to continue our efforts in pupils reading for pleasure at home too.

Year group	Expectation of reading
1 and 2	15 minutes independently (+ 15 minutes being read to where possible)
3 and 4	20+ minutes reading independently
5 and 6	30+ minutes reading independently

The more parents engage in their children's reading interests, the better! Please do sign and comment every evening. You may also be interested in reading this article about how to help your child become a reader - there are lots of helpful tips!

<https://www.nytimes.com/guides/books/how-to-raise-a-reader?mcubz=1>

Clubs

Clubs will begin in Week 3 and run on a ten week cycle from 4pm - 5pm. Clubs will cost between £10 and £25 depending on the club costs. The booking system will be live on Monday 11th September and payments should be paid on ParentPay through the website.

Getting to Know You Dinners

We are looking forward to welcoming all parents into the academy for our annual Getting To Know You Dinners. Parents will hear from Heads of School, Heads of Year and the whole Year Team about the year ahead and then are invited to stay to share dinner together and get to know each other. We invite all parents to bring contributions to the dinner.

Dates and timings below:

Year 6:	4-5pm on Tuesday 12 th September
Year 5:	4-5pm on Wednesday 13 th September
Year 4:	4-5pm on Thursday 14 th September
Year 3:	4-5pm on Tuesday 19 th September
Year 2:	4-5pm on Wednesday 20 th September
Year 1:	4-5pm on Thursday 21 st September
Reception:	4-5pm on Tuesday 26 th September
Nursery:	3-4pm on Thursday 28 th September

Communications

We are pleased to be moving to using email as our main form of communication with parents, both because it is cheaper, better for the environment and hopefully easier for parents too.

This email replaces this first week's primary newsletter; from next week, you should expect this email on a Friday with news, photos and information. We are also committed to making much better use of the website so do check there for updates.

Coffee morning begins again at 8.30am on Friday morning in Infants Commons – all parents are welcome to come and catch up with each other and talk to leaders of the school - do come and join us!

Primary assembly this week is Junior School assembly on Friday afternoon at 3.15pm in Infants Commons – again, we'd love to see you!

Thanks all,

Mrs. Keating (Head of Infants) and Ms. Kumar (Head of Juniors)