

Individual Healthcare Plans

All pupils with allergies or medical needs require a healthcare plan. If you have yet to make an appointment to create an individual healthcare plan please email i.colmans@kingsolomonacademy to make an appointment or to create a healthcare plan over the phone/ via email. If you have not made a healthcare plan this year it will be assumed that your child's medical needs are no longer chronic and hence will be removed from our system.

If your child requires specific medication for a fixed period (e.g. antibiotics or painkillers for a specific and temporary ailment) please bring it to reception between 8.30 and 10 am and Imogen Colmans, our Pastoral Care Co-Ordinator, will be able to ensure your child receives the medication they require.

Appointments

We understand that occasionally pupils may need to miss a short period of school to attend emergency or inflexible appointments. These will be authorised if documentation is provided to your child's Head of Year in advance of the appointment. Any non-urgent appointments (e.g. dental/ doctors check-ups, opticians appointments) should be made for after school, or for during the holidays. These will not be authorised during the school day. We appreciate your support in ensuring your child is in school and learning at all opportunities.

Attendance

All pupils are expected to have attendance of at least 97% and are expected to be on time to school every day. We understand that sometimes pupils fall ill and of course we would encourage parents to care for and support their children when they are unwell, keeping them at home when absolutely necessary. If in doubt about whether or not your child should be in school please send them in and their Head of Year will make a decision about whether or not they should stay. Please be aware that if your child's attendance falls below 90% we have a duty to refer the case to external agencies so they can support your family with school attendance.

Clubs

Cookery club continues to rustle up sweet treats! Mr Leadbetter and his team pulled together delicious trifles, whilst Ms. Bristow and her team iced biscuits. The children were thoroughly engaged and had a great time! Karate club proves to be popular for another year. We're excited that so many of our children are choosing a discipline that pushes them both physically and mentally. Mr Young and Mr Locker have taken on football and are doing a sterling job; the children are perfecting their skills and working hard as a team!



Payment for Clubs

All clubs must be paid for via parent pay. If you have misplaced your log in details please contact s.ali@kingsolomonacademy.org and Salma, our afternoon receptionist, will email them to you. If you have not paid for your child's club by Monday 25th September, your child will not be able to attend the club until the following week when payment has been received.

Curriculum Update from Miss Griffith

All pupils now have detailed home reading expectations stuck into their books, which explain exactly what they should be doing at home each night for their reading and reading responses. They should follow these instructions carefully. If pupils

wish to write more, they can complete this on paper, which will be stuck into their book in school. Thank you so much for your support – reading really is the best homework! We are currently perfecting what we want maths homework to look like for primary pupils and this will start as soon as possible.

Teachers are planning excellent and exciting curriculum linked trips for your children this half term. Look out for letters coming home and please return these promptly!

Homework Catch-up

In Years 5 and 6 we believe that it's the pupil's duty to ensure that their homework is completed. To avoid daily inconvenience we will be running Friday homework catch-up for pupils who have not completed their homework. This means that if a pupil misses a day of homework they have until Friday to ensure that they are up-to-date. Homework catch-up will run from 16:00-17:00 with a minimum of 30 minutes or a maximum of an hour depending on the amount of homework needing to be completed.

Parental supervision after school

We would like to remind parents that when pupils are dismissed from school it is important to ensure they are safe on their journey home. It has been noticed by school staff, parents and members of the community that a number of children are playing in Broadley Street Gardens after school without parental supervision. At times recently this play has become boisterous, unsafe or anti-social. We would ask parents to always supervise their young children when they are playing, and to ensure that they are not causing harm to themselves or others in the community. If there is an issue with safety in the park which parents notice, we would advise them to exercise their parental responsibility to keep their children safe by removing them from the situation and by informing the relevant authorities where appropriate. As staff working in an educational setting we have a legal safeguarding responsibility to ensure that all children are protected from harm, if we are aware of young children playing without appropriate supervision we have an obligation to take action to ensure that child's immediate and future safety.

Parent Visitors

Next week we will host the final of our Junior School parents. On Tuesday we would like to invite parents from Year 3 to come and see their children in action during their English lesson. We ask that you drop your children off at the gate as normal for 8:30 and then make your way round to the main reception where you will be collected and taken to class at 8:40. The session will last for an hour. If parents have any questions or would like to follow up please do email or book an appointment to see the class teachers. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday.

Parent Coffee Morning

This Friday there will be an opportunity to enjoy the Macmillan Coffee Morning which raises funds for the Macmillan Cancer Trust. We are taking part along with thousands of other venues across the country. If you would like to find out more please visit the Macmillan website: <https://coffee.macmillan.org.uk/> If you would like to donate a cake to be sold please bring it to reception between 8 and 8.30 on Friday morning. There will also be a cake sale in playgrounds after school on Friday. Parents and pupils are encouraged to bring some money to buy cakes if they would like to.

Ms. Kumar
Head of Juniors