

Weekly Parent/Guardian Newsletter

Week A

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Sun's back!



Catch it if you can!

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to this week's newsletter. Some important information is repeated for your convenience, but there is also new content to be read.

COVID-19 Asymptomatic Home Testing Guidance

Thank you for your continued support with Covid-19 home testing.

Wherever possible, your child should **continue testing and reporting results twice a week at home**. Test kits have been supplied to all students.

If your son/daughter runs out of tests before being issued a new box please ask them to collect more from the school office.

Reporting results

Recording all test results helps scientists stay ahead of the virus by spotting new outbreaks quickly and advising how to respond.

Reporting results is easy.

Go to: [Report a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test result - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk) Or call: 119 free from a mobile or landline. Lines are open every day, 7am to 11pm. Support is offered in 200 languages as well as British Sign Language and Live Video Assistance.

All results should be reported, even if your child's result is negative or void. To help in communicating the importance of testing and reporting, the government has produced a blog on [why reporting your test result is as important as taking a test](#)

You should also keep a note of the test ID and share your child's results with school using [this link](#)

Universal Testing

The government is encouraging all adults to participate in twice weekly testing to help stop the spread of coronavirus. You can order tests through the [Order coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow tests](#) service.

Up to one in three people who have COVID-19 have no symptoms and could be spreading it without knowing. Maintaining a regular habit of testing twice a week, 3-4 days apart, will help stop the virus spreading and keep schools and colleges open to students and staff.

Symptomatic COVID-19 Testing

- Home testing using the LFD tests **does not replace testing for those with symptoms.**
- If your son/daughter (or anyone in your household) experience symptoms of COVID-19 your household must self-isolate immediately, book a PCR test and follow national guidelines. You will need to inform the school if this is the case.
- Once you have the result of the test please inform us as soon as possible. If the result is negative you can then stop self-isolating and your son/daughter can return to school if they are well enough. If the result is positive your household will need to continue to self-isolate for 10 days from the onset of symptoms and follow national guidelines.

If you have any queries regarding testing please contact Carolyn Hobbs, Office Manager.

Parents/Carers of Year 9/10 Students

Dear Parent/Carer

Thursday 8 July and Friday 9 July- Meningococcal ACWY (MenACWY) and Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio (Td/IPV) Vaccinations in school

We will be visiting your child's school on the above date(s) to deliver the vaccinations.

All students in year 9 and year 10 are eligible to receive the MenACWY and Td/IPV vaccinations.

Please complete the online consent form at www.kentcht.nhs.uk/imms clearly marking whether you consent or decline consent before **Monday 5 July**.

Year 10 Parents: Please note if your child wasn't vaccinated in school last year due to lockdown and subsequent school closure, the consent you previously completed will have expired. Please can you re-consent using the link above. We will be unable to vaccinate your child without a new consent.

To access the consent form you will need to enter your child's school unique reference number (URN) which is below:

School URN: 136585

Immunisation Service (0-19)

Trinity House
110-120 Upper Pemberton
Eureka Park
Ashford
Kent

TN25 4AZ

Phone: 0300 123 5205

Email: kchft.cyp-immunisationteam@nhs.net

School medical room procedure

Please can we draw your attention to the correct medical room procedure for when your son/daughter feels unwell in school. If or when your child feels unwell in school, they must:

1. Tell their teacher (their teacher will then decide whether to send them to the main office)
2. Be sent to the main office.
3. Be assessed by the first aiders and either sent back to class or to the medical room
4. After assessment by the first aiders the decision will be made to contact parents for collection or advise.
5. Await collection by a parent/guardian or allocated adult or return to class as instructed.

KCC Activities

Dear Families,

KCC have a range of activities and learning opportunities open to families this summer, please see the link below

Best wishes

Mrs Ives

Pastoral support officer

After a year of staying in, it's time to get out there and Reconnect with the things you've missed over the past 12 months. There are lots of fun activities and events going on across the county, so find something that interests you and have fun!

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/reconnect/reconnect-activities-and-events>

Calling all Poets!

You are invited to enter the **Foyle Young Poets of the Year competition**. There are 100 winners every year, and prizes range from book bundles to professional writer retreats.

Your poems can be:

- On a theme of your choice
- Any length
- Any form you desire.



For more information and examples of winning entries, please go to www.foyleyoungpoets.org or speak to your English teacher for advice.

Please send your final entries to Ms Koster by Word or Google Doc. by **12pm Thursday 15th July** with your name and form group.

Good luck !

Congratulations

Congratulations to Joshua Ransom in year 8 and Ehsan Fahim in year 7 who have been selected for the Maths Masterclass Tutorials programme 2021-22!

The places are highly competitive, with over 2,000 nominations. A fantastic achievement!

Miss Ruth Neve

Mathematics Teacher

Pupil Premium Strategy Leader

Year 11 Sports Leaders

Congratulations to all of our Year 11 Sports Leaders that have completed their Level 1 Leadership Qualification in Sports Leaders. You all worked very hard to gain the qualification which will be helpful in the next stages of your education.

Parents/Guardians, please could you remind your son/daughter that if they have not yet completed their Sports Leaders Booklet, they must do so as soon as possible and hand in the fully completed booklet to gain the Qualification.

Kind regards

Miss Metcalfe

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HALF TERM 6

	Classroom 3.30-4.30	Field 3.30-4.30	Sports Hall 3.30-4.30	Activity Studio 3.30-4.30
Monday		Year 7 only Tennis - Dr Green (FREE) Outdoor bootcamp - Mr Argyrides (FREE) Skateboarding - Miss Buffery (FREE)		Street Dance - Miss Bradley (FREE)
Tuesday		Year 8 only Tennis - Miss Bolt (FREE) Outdoor bootcamp - Miss Metcalfe (FREE) Skateboarding - Miss Buffery (FREE)		
Wednesday		Year 10 only Tennis - Mr White (FREE) Outdoor bootcamp - Mr Wallace (FREE)		
Thursday	PE staff examinable PE meeting - M5	Year 9 only Tennis - Mr Towe (FREE) Outdoor bootcamp - Mr Coyne (FREE) Skateboarding - Miss Buffery (FREE)		

Appropriate sports clothing must be worn in order to take part in all sports clubs. The usual high standards of behaviour that are expected by the PE Department must also be retained. Wet weather may mean some clubs would need to be cancelled.

Sports Day Information

In line with current covid restrictions the PE department have adapted so we can hold a mini year group bubble 'Sports Days'.

Please note on some of these days the timetable will be period 1 and 2 then break. Period 3 and then lunch. After lunch period 4 and 5. This will show below where it says '2-1-2'.

Students on their set day are allowed to come into school and leave school in PE kit if they wish. A refreshment stall will be present so a small amount of cash may be a good idea. Please check the weather and ensure your child has sun cream and lots of water.

The dates are as follows:

Year 7 - Week B - Monday 5th July - period 1 and 2 - 2-1-2 day

Year 8- Week B - Monday 5th July - period 4 and 5 - 2-1-2 day

Year 9 - Week B - Wednesday 7th July - period 4 and 5 - 2-1-2 day

Year 10 - Week B - Friday 9th July - period 1 and 2 - normal school timing day

Many thanks
 Miss G Bolt
 Head of Physical Education
 Deputy head of Helsinki House



Online Safety advice - Twisted Toys



Twisted toys is a satire website offering pretend toys which depict the dangers of the online world in a comical way. The toys, explanations and accompanying videos could form great discussions between parents and children, it is also quite shocking to see what real-world devices, websites and social media sites function exactly the same as these toys.

For example "Stalkie Talkie - is the handheld, hi-tech toy that uses algorithms which match children with adult strangers. Press the button then just sit back and wait for billions of unknown people to find you. How do you tell if they're a friend or a predator? We don't know either!"

The real website called 'Omegle' purpose is exactly the same as 'Stalkie Talkie,' however, they take it further by matching video calls with complete strangers!

You can view the site and watch the videos via the following link:

<https://twisted-toys.com/>

Boot Fairs!!

This year's events are as follows:

Saturday 10 July 2021

No August Boot Fair

Saturday 11 September 2021

Look forward to seeing some of you there!

The Parents' Association





