

# Kirkbie Kendal School

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Dear Parents and Carers

We are four weeks into the term and I am writing to say how delighted we are to have students back in school, and how well they - and staff - have coped with the demands this situation has placed on us.

As we would expect, our students are being sensible around school and remembering masks has become second nature with very few forgetting them. Please do include a spare mask in case of breakage or loss. I am aware that local residents would be grateful if our students could be aware and considerate of other road and pavement users on their journeys to and from home. In particular, when they walk home, if they could do so in small groups (of six or less), making sure they leave space for others on the pavements. It would be appreciated if you would mention this at home as well as colleagues reinforcing/conveying the message in school.

We have been trialling a video appointment app ready for Parents'/Carers' Evenings. The app allows timed five minute appointments to be allocated. There will be a larger test of the video appointment system in w/c 16<sup>th</sup> November. This will be to facilitate conversations with some Year 11 parents/carers about post-16 subject preferences. More details about Year 11 and Year 9 option preferences will follow after October half-term. The first large scale use of the video appointments will be for the Year 10 Parents' Evening on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

We are currently obtaining some samples of affordable dark colour sweatshirts that will become available to purchase as an optional part of the school PE kit. Once staff and a focus group of students have considered the options we will write to you to let you know what is being offered. In the meantime, please can we ask that students only wear plain black or dark blue hoodies and sweatshirts, and plain black or dark blue opaque leggings or track suit bottoms. That does mean no mesh leggings, please. For girls in Key Stage 3, leggings - if worn - should be worn under shorts or skirts. For all boys, please can we ask that they bring a pair of football boots for outdoor PE, in addition to the trainers they are wearing.

As I write we have had no cases of CV-19, but in case you do have a case at home please follow the instructions below.

What to do if your child at KKS tests positive for CV-19:

1. During school hours please phone the school office (Monday - Thursday 8.00am to 4.30pm, Friday 8am to 4pm)
2. If out of school office hours please email [notify@kksa.co.uk](mailto:notify@kksa.co.uk) . Please entitle your email 'Positive CV19 test', please include in your email your child's name, form, your contact phone numbers, when the child first displayed symptoms and the date and time of test. The email address is checked daily and we will get back in touch as soon as possible.

The school will notify all parents/carers should there be a case so that there is additional vigilance and we will be in touch with the parents/carers of the students who need to isolate because of being in close contact with the person who tested positive. We very much hope this does not happen, but it may well. If it does I know that the school community will pull together and react quickly and efficiently.

Thank you again for your ongoing support.

Best wishes.

Yours faithfully

Mr Hyman  
Headteacher