



# Kents Hill Junior School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your incredible support in allowing us to fully close the school on **Wednesday 4th February**. A reminder that all children will need to be collected **at 12:30 from the front gate**.

Emily's family has identified Great Ormond Street as their chosen charity in her memory. Should you wish to donate, this can be done via:

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/tributetoemily?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/page/tributetoemily?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL)

In response to the many kind messages and questions about how our wonderful school community can help us create a lasting tribute to Emily, I wanted to tell you a bit more about the project we have planned.

We would like to create a school allotment in loving memory of Mrs Kelsey-Foreman. This was a project very close to her heart and one she had already begun to plan during the autumn term. Developing this space feels like a meaningful way to honour her, allowing her passion and vision to remain a living part of our school for many years to come.

Emily imagined an allotment where every class could grow fruit, vegetables and herbs, and where these could gradually be used in cooking and learning activities across the school. She was passionate about helping children understand healthy eating, nutrition, sustainability and caring for the world around them. At the centre of her vision was the joy of children planting, growing and harvesting their own food, nurturing both a sense of pride and a deep understanding of the journey from seed to plate.

Once developed, this allotment will be a shared space used by all pupils, enriching learning across the curriculum and providing hands-on, meaningful experiences for every child.

We are very grateful for the compassion and support shown by our school community and for the many offers of help. With this in mind, we wanted to share some of the ways families may wish to play a part in creating something truly special and lasting.

This could include:

- **Donations of materials**, such as seeds or young plants, compost, seedling trays and pots
- **Donations of gardening equipment**, including items such as children's gardening gloves, old wellington boots, small spades and trowels, forks, kneeling pads, watering cans, buckets and other suitable hand tools
- **Donations of time**, to help us prepare and set up the allotment area
- **Green-fingered volunteers**, who may be willing to share their knowledge by helping us plan the space, advise on suitable equipment and support us in getting the allotment established or help us source donations from local businesses or companies
- **Financial contributions**, to help us purchase key items that will make this a purposeful and accessible space, such as large raised planters, walk-in greenhouses or polytunnels

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- **Support from companies**, as many organisations offer staff volunteering days (for example Ford, Tesco, Barclays and others). If you or anyone you know works for a company that might be able to provide support, please put them in touch — all of the help we can get will be amazing

We also have a **GoFundMe** page to help bring this allotment to reality. If you would like to contribute or share it with others who may wish to support this meaningful project, it can be found here:

<https://gofund.me/e98108d58>

Please be assured that any contribution or support, in any form and of any size, will be greatly appreciated. Above all, we are grateful for the kindness, care and sense of community you continue to show us.

Thank you for helping us create a space that reflects Mrs Kelsey-Foreman’s passion, values and belief in enriching children’s learning through real-life experiences and nurturing our young people.

With kind regards,

Miss Parkes  
Headteacher

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