



Kents Hill Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers of pupils at Kents Hill Junior School,

Re. School and Pupils Home Working from and including Monday 20th April until Friday 8th May 2020.

On Thursday 16th April the Government announced a continuation for a minimum of 3 weeks to its 'social distancing' measures to combat the spread of Covid-19. This includes the closure of all schools other than for children of keyworkers until and including Friday 8th May.

This means that we will be continuing to educate our pupils through the use of Google Classroom.

Please see the timetable below;

Daily Timetable (Term time only)		
	Teaching Staff	Pupils
9.00 - 9.30am	Teachers will post the lesson demonstrations and independent activity sheets on the Google Classroom.	Pupils can begin to use the lesson demonstrations and complete the tasks set for them in their workbooks.
10.00am	Teachers will open the Google Classroom messaging tool for 1 hour to support pupils with questions.	Pupils can use the messaging tool to ask their teachers any questions they may have. (Pupils only please!)
2.00pm	Teachers will post the 'Check Learning' answer sheets on Google Classroom.	Pupils should 'self-mark' their work.
2.00pm	Teachers will open the Google Classroom messaging tool for <u>1 hour</u> .	Pupils can ask for help if they have had difficulty with an aspect of their learning.
3.00pm	Close of school day and use of messaging.	

Please note:

1. All adult communication, including regarding technical issues, should be via the admin email at the bottom of this letter
2. Pupils will need access to a device such as a PC, laptop, tablet or mobile phone in order to view the tasks set for them by their class teacher on the Google Classroom App.
3. If you have no access to the internet, please contact the school office via email with your child's name and class as we have a limited number of work packs we can send home with your child instead.

Please feel free to post any projects or challenges completed at home, including those from the Easter Break, for your child's teacher to see!

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KEYWORKERS

We have a limited provision in place for the children of keyworkers. Please email the school admin if you would like to be considered for this. We will make a decision on a case by case basis using the main Government message of 'Stay at home (unless in extreme circumstances)' to guide us.

Please click the link below for more information on this.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

SAFEGUARDING AND MENTAL WELLBEING

1. Teachers will be communicating to pupils in their class that they can use the messaging function on Google Classroom to let us if they feel unsafe.
2. Some resources including how to support pupils wellbeing at this difficult time have been published by the Department of Education. Please click link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-online-education-resources/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-online-education-resources-for-home-education>

3. If you as a parent or carer feel that the safety and well-being of your children is being compromised, please contact our Social Care and Well-being Manager on the mobile phone number or via the email address below.

Work mobile: 07895514436 (9-5pm only) or email : lwyatt@epsilonstar.co.uk

PUPILS WITH SEN NEEDS

1. Please can parents/carers work with their children on their One Plan targets – a copy of which would have been sent home with you at the last review meeting. If you need another copy or help with resources please contact the Executive SENCo on the email address below.

Email: excsenco@epsilonstar.co.uk

2. Staff will ensure that the work they post on Google Classroom is suitably differentiated and offer additional support through the messaging system.

FREE-SCHOOL MEALS

The Government has introduced a new voucher system for those eligible for Free School Meals. You would have been sent details of this directly, but if you have not, please email the admin email address at the bottom of this letter with your contact details.

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GENERAL SUPPORT

If you are 'self-isolating', have a long-term health condition, are house bound, in need of someone to pick up shopping or a friendly phone call then please contact CAVS Ways to Wellness team who will be happy to help on 01268 214000 or email www.wellness@cavsorg.uk

CAVS are open Monday to Friday 9:00am – 5:00pm. Out of these hours please either leave a message or email: www.wellness@cavsorg.uk (Castlepoint, Rayleigh and Rochford)

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

The school administration will continue to operate as normal although all communication will be via email. Please be patient with us as we deal with your requests or questions.

Please contact the school administration via; admin@kentshill-jun.essex.sch.uk

Finally, thank you so much for the positive feedback we have had from many parents and carers regarding the online learning that took place before the Easter holiday. This would not have been as successful as it was if it weren't for all of you supporting your children so that they able to continue with their education from home.

Please keep safe and well.

Your sincerely,

Michael Thomas
Executive Head teacher

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