



# Kents Hill Junior School



**Be Ready ~ Be Respectful ~ Be Safe**  
**Successful ~ Creative ~ Kind**  
**For Today ~ For Tomorrow ~ For the Future**



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## Dear Parents/Carers, Newsletter

Term: Autumn | Date: Friday 13th September 2024

What a brilliant first full week back! We are so lucky to have such amazing children at KHJS, who have settled in beautifully and are fully engaged in their learning.

Our behaviour points since returning have been 96% positive—an amazing achievement we're incredibly proud of!

Throughout the school, we've thoroughly enjoyed our lunchtime activities this week, especially building dens and getting creative in the 'mud' kitchen!

We're excited to introduce something new alongside this whole-school newsletter: the weekly 'Year Group News'.

This initiative is in response to parent feedback, ensuring you're well-informed about what your children are learning. The 'Year Group News' provides an overview of this week's learning and a sneak peek into next week's topics.

Don't forget to check our social media platforms each week for photos of your child's year group taking part in all the fun and learning!

Have an amazing weekend, Miss Parkes

### Be Ready

### Be Safe

#### Jeans for Genes Day – Friday 20th September

Each year we hold a **non-uniform** day for this excellent charity which helps children with congenital conditions. This year, Jeans for Genes day will take place on Friday 20th September 2024. Please click on the following link to make a donation:



<https://www.justgiving.com/page/epsilon-star-1726145145260?newPage=true>

#### School Clubs

Please be advised that all staff run clubs start from next week, Monday 16th September. **The clubs run from 3:20pm to 4:20pm:**

#### School Drop off and Collection

The gates will be open in the morning from 8:40am to 8:50am. The end of the school day is 3:20pm for the whole school.

Please ensure that if your child is due to be collected by another parent at the end of the day, that the office has been informed. They will then make sure the class teacher is aware of the end of day arrangements for your child. No pupil should be taken home by another parent unless this has been prearranged.

#### Year 6 Walking

Please can we ask that you let the school know if your Year 6 child is to walk home by themselves. This can be done by giving permission via the following google form:

<https://forms.gle/UwVpeuyaaW6rumaU9>

### Be Respectful

#### Communication with staff

We value the importance of a positive relationship between school and home. If at any point you would like to liaise with school staff we have the following set up:

- Informally over the gate at the end of the day. *Please note, in the interest of privacy, we will not discuss in detail anything about your child over the gate, the member of staff may therefore let you know they will call you.*
- By emailing or phoning the school office. Messages will then be passed on to the appropriate member of staff who will be in touch as soon as possible.

Parents/Carers who wish to visit the school to talk to a member of staff **should book an appointment with the office please.** Any questions, concerns or enquiries should where possible be via phone call in the first instance.

#### Parents of Year 3 Pupils

To ensure that we have the most up to date information for your child, please could you complete and return your child's 'Data Collection' form to the school office as soon as possible if you have not yet done so. Thank you.

#### Online Safety

##### Online Safety.

##### MINIMUM AGES

[Instagram](#), [Snapchat](#), [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#)

13

[Whatsapp](#)

16

[Tik Tok](#)

16 to register

13 to use

[YouTube](#)

18 to register

13 with parental permission

[Games](#) – check PEGI rating.

For more online safety advice, please go to:

[www.saferinternet.org.uk](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk) or <https://nationalcollege.com/parents>

Stage 1	<b>If you wish to raise a concern or complaint with the school</b> Contact your child's class teacher via email or phone call through the school office and you will receive a call back within 48 hours.
Stage 2	<b>If your concern or complaint is still not resolved to your satisfaction or you have significant or multiple unresolved concerns.</b> Contact your child's Head of Year via the school office and they or an appropriate member of the SLT will call you back at the earliest opportunity.
Stage 3	<b>If your concern or complaint is still not resolved to your satisfaction or if you have a safeguarding issue you wish to report.</b> Contact the Deputy Head Teacher via the school office and they or a member of the Safeguarding Team will call you back at the earliest opportunity.
Stage 4	<b>If your concern or complaint or safeguarding issue is still not resolved to your satisfaction.</b> Contact the Head teacher via the school office. You can write this as a letter attachment to an email if you prefer.
<b>* Please be reassured that if you have a safeguarding concern, this will be dealt with by a member from our Safeguarding Team.</b>	

## INFORMATION

### Secondary School Admissions Process

The new secondary school admission round opened on Thursday 12th September 2024. This is for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2025.

The statutory national **closing date for applications is 31st October 2024.**

Applications can be made online via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions). 99% of parents in Essex applied online last year.

All of the application information is available on the website above.

**Please ensure that you have logged onto the website and have made an application by the closing date of 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024.**

Should you require any help with applying for a school place, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

### PE Days

Please be reminded of the PE days for this year:

- Year 3 = Tuesday
- Year 4 = Thursday
- Year 5 = Wednesday
- Year 6 = Monday



## WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

3LJ	99%
6LT	99%
4RE	98%
4RH	98%
6CA	98%
3AB	98%
5CC	97%
<b>KHJS TARGET</b>	<b>97%</b>
3LP	96%
5EM	95%
4JC	95%
6NA	94%
5MR	93%



The following pupils have received the most points in their class this week for being Ready, Respectful and Safe and being Successful, Creative and Kind.

3LJ	Jacob C	5CC	Issy W
3LP	Penelope R	5MR	Lenny W
3AB	Jake S	5EM	Colby J
4RH	Pradhav D	6LT	Anisah M
4JC	Ben N	6NA	Sophie G
4RE	Elizabeth A	6CA	Ronnie G

## SOCIAL MEDIA

Our Social Media accounts can be found on the following links:



<https://www.facebook.com/Kents-Hill-Junior-School->



<https://www.instagram.com/kentshilljuniorschool/>



<https://twitter.com/KentsHillJnr>



<https://youtube.com/@KHJS-mm4gd>

**#KentsHillDifference**



## KEY DATES

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Homework commences	W/C 16th Sept	-
All other staff run clubs start	W/C 16th Sept	3:20pm—4:20pm
Parent/Carer 'Drop-in' session	Wednesday 18th Sept	3:30pm—4pm
Jeans for Genes—non uniform day	Friday 20th Sept	All day
SEND Coffee & Topic session <i>(Invites only)</i>	Tuesday 1st Oct	2:30pm
Travelling Book Fair	W/C 7th Oct	All week
World Mental Health Day— <i>yellow accessories can be worn</i>	Thursday 10th Oct	All day
Pupil Individual & sibling photos	Friday 11th Oct	AM
Parent/Carer Consultation Evening	Tuesday 15th Oct	3:45pm—6:15pm
Parent/Carer Consultation Evening	Thursday 17th Oct	5:30pm—8pm

## DINNER MENU

The school menu this term is the Autumn/Winter menu and will be week 3 (week commencing 16.09.2024).

A copy of the menu can be found on our website: <https://www.kentshilljuniorschool.co.uk/lunch-menu/>

School dinners cost **£2.60** per child per day and payment should be made via the SchoolGateway app.



**At Kents Hill Junior School we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, we expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.**

**Designated Safeguarding Lead – Miss J Parkes**

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