

The Kite Family of Schools

Our Mission: Together we inspire a lifelong love of learning which enables children to achieve more than they ever believed possible

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Dear Families

Email Addresses

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Our School Values:

COURAGE Confidence Curiosity Co-operation

Parent Teacher Meetings will take place week beginning October 19th. Because of Covid restrictions, these meetings will be telephone consultations

If you feel you may need help or assistance from one of our Family Support Workers, the Kite Hub or access to a Food Bank, please call Kite Central Office on 01252 984930 or email adminoffice@ fernhill.kite.academy Life in school has settled into a new normal. It has been truly wonderful to welcome back all children this term and I hope you have enjoyed seeing some of the activities classes have done on our school Facebook page (@FernhillPrimaryAcademy). Please don't forget to "like" our photos!

While these remain uncertain times, we continue to do our best in school to ensure our pupils are happy and safe. Thank you for your help in maintaining social distancing at drop off and collection times. Please do not arrive early in the mornings and please remain in class group lines.

While teachers are briefly available at the gate, we ask you to wear a mask if you wish to discuss any matters with your child's class teacher. Longer conversations can always be arranged by telephone.

We have had many questions about when to self isolate. Guidelines can be found on the second page of this newsletter. Under all circumstances, if your child or anyone in your family develops any one covid symptom (a new, continuous cough and/or a high temperature and/or loss of smell and taste) you must self isolate. This is now enforceable by law.

During self isolation, we will provide homework so your child does not miss out on learning in school.

Wishing you all safe and well, Nicky Slater Academy Head

School Fundraiser

£1 Donation

Fancy Dress Day

Wear your fanciest costume

Friday, October 23rd

(no props, face paint or wigs please)

Thank You!

A huge thank you to everyone who donated plants, bulbs and gardening gloves. A special thank you to Living For the Wild Gardening Services for their donation of plants.

Our grounds are looking lovely and the bulbs will look fantastic in spring. Thank you also to the Griffin family for our fabulous new playground benches.



Inset Day- School closed to pupils

Monday, November 2nd

Kite Academy Trust A Cold or Coronavirus?

When should I keep my child at home?

My child is feeling unwell with

a runny nose, a sore throat, or is sneezing

but they don't have

- a high temperature
- (two readings over 37.8°C in a four hour period)
 - a new, continuous cough (observed over a period of an hour)

a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste

These are not normally symptoms of coronavirus

Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial 111 or see your GP

Your child can attend school Consider giving them some paracetamol or ibuprofen to make them feel a bit better

My child has

a high temperature

(two readings over 37.8°C in a four hour period)

- a new, continuous cough
- (observed over a period of an hour)

a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste

If your child displays any of the above symptoms whilst in school, you will be asked to collect your child.

You should then arrange a test and self-isolate according to the PHE guidance

This could be a sign of coronavirus

Do not send your child to school

Arrange a test

Everyone in your household must self-isolate

Children should only return to school once they have received a negative test result or 10 days after they first showed symptoms

If anybody else in your household has any of these symptoms, do not send your child to school

Diary

w/b October 19th	 Parent Teacher Meetings (telephone calls)
Friday, October 23rd	 Halloween Fund raiser—£1 contribution: come to school in fancy dress (no props, face paint or wigs please, costume only)
October 26th to 30th	 Half Term (Boogie Pumps holiday club running in school)
Monday, November 2nd	 Inset Day (staff training)
Friday, 18th December	 last day of term

Internet



Dear parents,

Internet Safety

Please do not underestimate the importance of internet safety and talking to your children to ensure they know how to stay safe online. There is a lot of information on our school website :

www.fernhillprimary.kite.academy/ children/online-safety/ which can be used to help start conversations with your children. There are also video presentations for parents on how to keep your child safe on social media, live gaming and live streaming.

www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Supporttools/presentations-for-parents/

Is the material your child is accessing suitable and age appropriate? Fortnite, for example, has a PEGI rating of 12 years and most social media platforms, including TikTok, require users to be at least 13 years old.

Please also be aware of the length of time your child is spending on the computer. How many hours are they spending on line each day? Do you know who they are talking to? Is the playstation/xbox/laptop in a place where you can easily monitor use? Check out Parent Zone for helpful suggestions and activities <u>www.parents.parentzone.org.uk/</u>

Please be considerate

Please be considerate of our neighbours when parking your car. There are plenty of parking spaces along the fence perimeter. Please, do not double park outside of the school gate and do not block drive ways. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Cove Football Club

Tigers U9, plus other teams currently have spaces. Training Fridays at 5 at Cove football club and matches are on

Saturday

Contact number 07833948151 or

email sbeard@mail.com for further information

Attendance

Attendance in school is crucial for your child to reach their full potential. We will always work with families who are struggling to ensure their children are in school regularly (for whatever reason) and help is available in a variety of forms.

Please be aware though that prolonged, unauthorised absence may lead to penalty notices. Please also note, late arrival (20 minutes after registration), is marked as an unauthorised absence. Currently, the amount payable under a penalty notice is £60.00 per parent/carer per child if paid within 21 days, rising to £120.00 if paid between 21 and 28 days. If the penalty notice remains unpaid after 28 days, the Local Authority will consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court. Penalty notices are issued per parent/carer per child so a family of two parents and two children will receive 4 penalty notices.

