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Kelmscott School

"Putting Learning First"

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Dear Parents and Carers

Start of School Year Update

I hope this letter finds you and your family safe and well.

It has been another excellent week in school, helped by glorious weather and students' attitude to learning has been first-rate once more. I am privileged to walk the corridors at Kelmscott and listen in to such a vast array of outstanding lessons taking place. It is interesting what the longer lessons can provide in terms of opportunities for teaching and learning.

We continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation very closely both locally and nationally. So far this term, there have been two confirmed cases in two different secondary schools in the Borough. We have been working hard this past fortnight to put our plan in place to ensure that we are ready should we have a confirmed case. At this point there will be some disruption to learning for students. The number of students it interrupts will depend on the number of cases confirmed at the school; the fewer the better.

Despite the challenges attendance continues to be very good at both Kelmscott and across the borough, as I mentioned last week I am very grateful to you all for the trust you have placed in us.

We have updated the MyEd app this week to allow families to be able to view daily the rewards and consequences points that students receive; this is a great way of you engaging with your child on how their day has gone. If you have not downloaded the app yet, I would encourage you to do so as a matter of urgency as it is the quickest and easiest way of communicating with you. It will also be vital that you have it when we move to our cashless system in the very near future.

You will have seen on the school calendar that we have a Tutor Parent Day scheduled for Monday, 5th October. We scheduled this date on the calendar to provide an opportunity for families to meet with your child and their form tutor to find out how their start to school has been and to help address any gaps in learning that might be present following lockdown. We are still exploring the viability of this event, as we want to ensure that families and staff are safe should we go ahead – more information to follow on this next week.

We also have our Open Evening scheduled for Wednesday, 7th October for our prospective Year 7 parents. I know many of you still have primary age children and may talk about such things at the school gates. Our Open Evening will be taking place as a virtual event and details will be up on our website next week.

We are still trying to keep things relatively simple here at school with two priorities:

- 1.) Ensure everyone's safety
- 2.) Deliver excellent lessons day in, day out

As the situation improves locally and nationally we will begin trying to do more regarding extracurricular opportunities and suchlike for students. Thank you for your patience in the meantime.

Do stay well one and all and do not hesitate to get in contact if you have any questions or queries.

Yours sincerely

Mr Sam Jones
Headteacher