



Friday 2nd September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

We hope that you and your families have had a great summer holiday and that your children are looking forward to the start of a new school year. We are very much looking forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday. We are excited about the year ahead with all the learning opportunities and experiences that we have planned for the children. I will write to you again soon with key dates for the autumn term.

New staff member

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Taylor, who will be teaching Robin Class whilst Mrs Wills is on maternity leave. I am sure that you will join with me in wishing Mrs Taylor a very warm welcome to King Ina.

Covid - 19

You may remember that during the last academic year, Somerset County Council Public Health advised schools to manage Covid-19 as an Acute Respiratory Infection (ARI) in line with other infectious diseases. The following information from Public Health will therefore continue to apply:

Children with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or mild cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend their education or childcare setting.

Children and young people who are unwell and have a [high temperature](#) should stay at home and where possible avoid contact with other people. They can go back to education or childcare setting when they no longer have a high temperature and they are well enough.

If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result they should try to stay at home and where possible avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day, they took the test. The risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower after 3 days, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature.

Children and young people who usually attend an education or childcare setting and who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should continue to attend as normal.

Start and end of the school day

Below is a reminder of our arrangements for the start and end of the school day. Whilst some parents have little choice about driving to and from school, to avoid unnecessary queueing at the Kiss and Drop, we would like to encourage as many children to walk, cycle or scoot to school daily, particularly if they live near to school:

Start of the day:

- The gate will open at 8.35am for an 8.50am registration, allowing 15 minutes for all children to come onto site.
- KS2 children can walk onto the school site either with parents or by themselves and children should go directly up to classrooms independently.
- Reception and KS1 children coming to school by foot should be brought onto site by parents and taken directly to the classrooms.
- The Kiss and Drop will be operational between 8.35am and 8.50am and the children who arrive by car will go straight to classrooms once they have been dropped off. We are allowing a 15-minute window for parents to drop children at the Kiss and Drop. To avoid queues, we recommend that you do not **all** arrive at 8.35am but instead arrive at intervals throughout the 15-minute time slot.

End of the day:

- All children will finish school at 3.15pm.
- Older KS2 children can walk home by themselves if they have permission to do so. Older sibling groups will meet at the gate.
- KS2 children who are being collected by parents on foot, will meet parents at the main gate.
- Reception and KS1 children must be collected directly from classrooms by parents.
- Older siblings who are not walking home by themselves, will meet parents outside the youngest sibling's classroom, as arranged with parents.
- The Kiss and Drop will be operational after school too. Children including sibling groups will gather next to the Kiss and Drop, ready for collection **between 3.15pm and 3.30pm**. Again, we are allowing a 15-minute window for parents to collect children at the Kiss and Drop and, to avoid queues, we recommend that you do not **all** arrive at 3.15pm but instead arrive at intervals throughout the 15-minute time slot.

Should your collection plans change during the day, please phone or email the school office to inform school of the changes. Children should routinely bring a waterproof coat to school every day and an umbrella if they would like to. Should they bring an umbrella to school, please provide a carrier bag for them to place their wet umbrella in when not in use.

Please see our school website for details about school uniform and PE kit requirements. We would like the children to continue to come to school wearing their PE kit on the PE days, as per the tables below:

Key Stage 1

Class	PE Days
Robin	Mondays and Thursdays
Kingfisher	Tuesdays and Thursdays
Puffin	Wednesdays and Fridays
Goldfinch	Wednesdays and Thursdays
Pipit	Tuesdays and Wednesdays*
Wagtail	Tuesdays and Wednesdays*

Please note that children in Pipits and Wagtails classes will not need to come to school in PE kits until the week commencing 19th September when they are in school full time.

Key Stage 2:

Class	PE Days
Red Kite	Tuesdays and Fridays
Buzzard	Tuesdays and Fridays
Sparrowhawk	Wednesdays and Thursdays
Peregrine	Tuesdays and Fridays
Merlin	Mondays and Fridays
Kestrel	Mondays and Wednesdays
Harrier	Mondays and Thursdays

Children who are taking part in an after school sport club should wear PE kit to school on those days too.

Swimming lessons at Huish Episcopi Academy will continue for children in KS2 on Mondays. As a reminder for parents, Sparrowhawks and Red Kites classes will be swimming first, with lessons starting on Monday 19th September.

Please note that mobile phones should not be brought to school and children should not bring other items into school including sweets/chocolates or cakes for birthdays.

Should you have any queries or questions, please email the school on kinginaacademy@educ.somerset.gov.uk In the meantime, we look forward to seeing the children on Monday.

We thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes

Mrs S Svenson
Headteacher