



Striving for Excellence

Cirencester Kingshill School

Head: Christine S. Oates

30th September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

The first month of the school year is already now behind us. Pupils continue to show commitment to their learning and are well established in to their routines.

School is still very busy with events being run to support the curriculum and we urge all pupils to get involved if the opportunity is presented to them.

SHADOW CURRICULUM AND HOME LEARNING GUIDE

We currently have a number of pupils away from school due to illness, or for COVID-19 related issues. If your child is away from school, but still able to pick up their school work, they should refer to the school's shadow curriculum which is available on the school website [here](https://www.cirencesterkingshill.gloucs.sch.uk/pupils/pupil-work/) <https://www.cirencesterkingshill.gloucs.sch.uk/pupils/pupil-work/>. They should also remember to check Show My Homework regularly for any updates posted up by their subject teachers.

A copy of the school home learning guide can also be found [here](https://www.cirencesterkingshill.gloucs.sch.uk/curriculum/home-learning-guide-2/): <https://www.cirencesterkingshill.gloucs.sch.uk/curriculum/home-learning-guide-2/>

CATCH UP PROVISION SEPTEMBER 2021

We are providing a range of catch up interventions and opportunities this year at Kingshill School. We have also increased the number of homework clubs running in the library after school to 3 nights a week. Mr Whight will be available to supervise pupils that wish to make use of the IT equipment after school, please can pupils check with Mr Whight first.

Design Technology groups are running after school for specific courses, where lockdown slowed the amount of practical work that could be done. Our Extend programme also includes a range of subjects including PE, Drama and Music.

Faculties have been busy identifying potential gaps in curriculum knowledge that may have developed over the lockdowns, and are re-writing their curriculum where required to ensure the most important aspects have priority.

Following a successful launch last year with our current Y8 pupils, we are running mindfulness sessions for all Y7 classes, to assist our whole school drive on supporting pupils' mental health and wellbeing.

We have been monitoring and assessing reading, writing and spelling in Y7, 8 and 9 and are running in-school support for those who we feel would benefit from extra help. Further support for Key Stage 4 pupils with their examination subjects will be starting later in the Autumn term.

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COVID-19 VACCINATIONS FOR 16/17 YEAR OLDS

The Government have provided details on how 16 and 17 year olds are able to book their COVID-19 vaccination. This can be done online, by finding a walk-in COVID-19 vaccination site, or by calling 119 if you are unable to book an appointment online. Further details on how to book can be found on the NHS website, <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/>

To continue to help school run safely, we would ask that you continue to test your child with a Lateral Flow Device Test twice weekly. More test kits will be handed out in tutor time next week for pupils that require them.

UNIFORM

As we are now well into the new school year, please can I remind parents about the school's uniform policy. As the weather starts to turn and get colder, pupils are reminded to wear their school jumper and blazers to school. Hoodies and any other form of jumper are not permitted. Please see confirmation of the school uniform on our website here <https://www.cirencesterkingshill.gloucs.sch.uk/parents/uniform-and-equipment/>

Government guidelines currently recommend that all windows and doors are left open to help with ventilation. We have advised teachers that as the weather gets colder, coats may also need to be worn.

We have a new quarter zip sweatshirt for PE to help pupils stay warm during these lessons in the winter. This is available from D&J Sports in Cirencester: <https://djsports.co.uk/product-category/school-uniforms/kingshill-school/>

Can I also ask that all uniform, including PE kit is clearly labelled with your child's name. We have had a number of un-named uniform items handed in to lost property so far this term. It is much easier to return items to their owner if we know who they belong to.

STAFFING UPDATE

Mrs Jackson, Head's PA and Clerk to the Governors is leaving Kingshill today, to a new post, Head of Marketing, in the corporate sector. I would like to thank Mrs Jackson for all her hard work and commitment to Kingshill. She has been a fantastic support to me and I will miss her. Mrs Bryant, who is currently Mrs Jackson's assistant, will be taking up the post of Head's PA and Clerk to the Governors.

Welcome to the following new staff:

Mrs Cleaver	Teaching Assistant
Mrs Harvey	Teaching Assistant
Mrs Som	Teaching Assistant
Mrs Hughes	Librarian
Mrs Ryder	Learning Advisor

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We hope you enjoy your time as Kingshill.

Also, welcome back to Mrs Hussey who has returned from maternity leave.

EXTEND CLUBS

We have had a fantastic amount of pupils sign up for Extend clubs, which we hope they are enjoying. If your child has not signed up for a club but would like to, please contact Mrs Bryant
rbryant@cirencesterkingshill.gloucs.sch.uk

DROPPING ITEMS INTO SCHOOL

There has been a marked increase in parents/carers dropping forgotten items off for pupils during the school day.

Can I please ask that you speak to your child before they leave for school each morning and make sure they have everything they need for that day. This will greatly help in making sure that pupils' school day is not disrupted by missing items of equipment or kit not making it to them in time.

INSET DAY

A reminder that tomorrow, 1st October 2021, is a school Inset day and school is closed to pupils. We look forward to seeing them back on Monday, 4th October 2021.

Thank you as always for your support. If you have any other questions or concerns, please get in touch with your child's tutor, Head of Year or Head of Key Stage, and they will be very happy to help.

Yours sincerely,

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