

Weekly Newsletter

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Focus of the Week:
Keep smiling, keep safe.

Acting Headteacher's Message



Dear Parents and Carers,

Another week of lockdown done and dusted! Thank you to all the families that have been in touch with us by phone or email. It's so lovely to hear what the children have been up to and try to support in any way that we can. I think it's fair to say that we are all having good days and bad days. Some children are racing through the learning packs with gusto; others are finding it difficult to motivate themselves; a number are feeling understandably anxious and scared. The same goes for parents and carers: while some of you may have discovered your inner teacher and possibly even a new vocation(!), others are feeling overwhelmed by work commitments, family pressures, not to mention possible sickness and having to care for others. The point is everybody is doing what they can under very difficult circumstances so give yourselves a break and, as we say to the children, a 'pat on the back' for doing your best!

When will schools open again?

In a nutshell, we don't know. However, it is very likely that when they do re-open it will be some kind of phased/staggered return, for example certain year groups on certain days in order to maintain a degree of social distancing. As soon as there is any clear advice from the government, we will, of course, let you know.

Looking after your mental and physical health – see attached

The School Nursing service has developed a pack of resources, ideas and advice for families, including information on:

Hand washing
Healthy eating
Exercise
Maintaining a routine
Mental wellbeing

Also included:

Advice for parents regarding attending A&E
A guide to coronavirus for families with children on the autistic spectrum

Richmond Get Creative Project – Build a Rocket!

For all you budding scientists, here is some out-of-this world advice from UK's first astronaut for children across the borough. Photographs of rockets can be sent to campaigns@richmond.gov.uk by Friday 8 May 2020. **See attached.**

New Giraffes

We will soon be writing to families of our new Giraffe parents and carers with all the information they need before their child starts in September and what transition arrangements will look like during school closure. If you do have any questions in the meantime, please get in touch.

More Home Learning Resources

There seems to be a deluge of free online home learning resources from all quarters, which can be hard to navigate. Teachers are selecting from many of these to plan the home learning packs and we are also updating the website. Here's another useful website:

London Learning at Home

The London Curriculum team has reached out across the city to bring together free learning and cultural offers that children can access from home. The aim is that young Londoners still feel connected to the incredible people, places and culture of their city. You can search by age range, subject, key stage and organisation to find what you need. Each resource includes an estimate of the level of adult supervision required.

<https://www.london.gov.uk/coronavirus/london-learning-at-home>

Please see the home page of the school website for further guidance and support for children and families during the school closure.

Keep your 'lockdown' photos coming in!

Please continue to email us your 'lockdown' photos for the website. They are lovely to see.

Have a great weekend
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Safeguarding

A reminder that if you have any safeguarding concerns during this period, please contact the school's DSL and refer to the school's Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy. If you feel a child may be in danger, you may contact the SPA directly on the number below or the police directly. Key contacts:

Role	Name	Contact Number	Email
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Acting Headteacher / Designated Safeguarding Lead	Nell Webb	0208 487 8437	nellwebb@kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk
Safeguarding Governor(s)	Peter King Denise Long	0208 487 8437	governors@kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk
Chair of Governors	Stephen Hyams	0208 487 8437	governors@kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk
AfC Education Safeguarding Adviser	Linda Sheehan	07774686362	linda.sheehan@achievingforchildren.org.uk
AfC Adviser for Online Services and Safety	Peter Cowley	07595173975	peter.cowley@achievingforchildren.org.uk
AfC Virtual School Headteacher	Suzanne Parrott	07827895894	suzanne.parrott@achievingforchildren.org.uk

Single Point of Access (SPA): 020 8547 5008 **Out of Hours:** 020 8770 5000
Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO): 020 8891 7370 / 07774 332675
lado@achievingforchildren.org.uk

PTA NEWS

Follow Us on Facebook, Twitter & Instagram

With all the movements of children to other schools and overseas we need to get the word out about how great our school is and why people would want to join. So please like our pages @KewRiversidePS on Facebook, Twitter & Instagram, like our posts, comment (if you want) and help spread the good word.

Easyfundraising

We just received £94.61 from easyfundraising for 74 people shopping online! Keep up the good work! If you haven't signed up yet, it's easy and completely FREE. 4,000 shops and sites will donate when you use @easyuk to shop with them. Sign up now at www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/kmps/?invite=4NMEB5

Recycling Update

- Empties - Please recently collected our box of toners and cartridges and we raised £47. We have now raised £144 in total just from old toners!
- We have also recruited **South Western Railways** to start collecting toners for us too. They will start a trial with one collection box and if successful will roll it out across their network of stations and offices. Please ask your workplaces if they too would like to start collecting for us. Send us an email kewriversidepta@gmail.com to have a chat and we will organise the rest.
- With the implementation of the recycling programme including clothing drive, uniform sales, plastic carrier bags and wrappers recycling we have now reached **£262 profit in the past 5 months!** Well done everyone and keep up the good work. Please keep bringing in your collections and spreading the word to friends, family, neighbours and local businesses.
- Please get involved in Global Recycling Day (details above)

We Need You! Join the PTA

Our PTA has open positions for co-chair, co-treasurer and co-secretary. These roles are

critical to ensure continued work and a smooth handover.

The **Co-Chair** ensures the PTA is run effectively;

The **Co-Treasurer** ensures accurate financial records are kept and best practice procedures are followed. He or she keeps the committee updated with regular reports, and ensure end of year reports are completed;

The **Co-Secretary** supports the Chair to build effective communication links between the school and the association and maintains accurate records.

No prior experience is needed, just a desire to make a difference in the school community. There is an existent framework and documents created by previous committee members to support each role.

The work is much easier when you have more the one person in each role. You can share responsibilities and take shifts to attend meetings. Being on the committee is a great way to get to know how the school works and meet other parents. It is very rewarding to participate in school community and to know that all money raised benefits our children's experience at school.

If you would like to know more, please contact one of the committee members.

Sincerely

Your KRPS PTA Committee

Chair - Renata (Monkey Parent)

Secretary - Freddie (Giraffe/Elephant Parent)

Treasurer - Mehnaz (Monkey Parent)

Communication Officer - Penny (Zebra/Monkey Parent)

Governors

If you have any questions for or about the Governors please send them to: governors@kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk

