

# Weekly Newsletter

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Issue 31

## Focus of the Week:

Remember we are all in this together. Stay strong!

## Key Dates:

**Half term (25 May to 29 May) – school is closed to all children**

**1 June 2020 – Inset day – school is closed to all children**

## Acting Headteacher's Message



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a week! Never have primary schools had so much attention in the national press...

As no doubt you are aware, the government has announced that schools **may** re-open to Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 children from 1 June. This is in addition to those children who are already eligible for a school place in other year groups.

We have started the complex process of risk assessing the school, looking at the use of indoor/outdoor space; staff allocation; increased cleaning procedures; staggered pick up/drop off times and many other considerations. Our absolute priority is to ensure that Kew Riverside is as safe **and happy** an environment as it can possibly be before re-opening.

We would very much welcome your involvement in this risk assessment process. For this reason, it would be very helpful for you to read through the following government guidance (I can't guarantee it will be the best bedtime reading you have ever had!):

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>

Then, if you have any particular questions or concerns about how this applies to

Kew Riverside, **please email your class teacher with any questions.** I will then collate the questions and do my very best to provide answers to them next week.

Once our plans and procedures are finalised, we will of course share them with you.

### **Half Term and Inset Day**

The school will be closed to all children for half term (Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May) and inset day on 1 June. This is so that we can prepare the school for the possible partial reopening from 2 June.

### **On a lighter note... Fun Family Science Challenges**

As the 'home of measurement' NPL is keen to inspire the next generation to get engaged and interested in science, maths and engineering. They are setting fun, weekly challenges for children and families. The first challenge: How strong are your breakfast cereal flakes?! See link below for further details of how to get involved: <https://www.npl.co.uk/measurement-at-home/break-a-flake>

Have a lovely weekend.

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

### **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
Acting Headteacher / Designated Safeguarding Lead	Nell Webb	0208 487 8437	<a href="mailto:nellwebb@kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk">nellwebb@kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk</a>
Safeguarding Governor(s)	Peter King Denise Long	0208 487 8437	<a href="mailto:governors@kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk">governors@kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk</a>
Chair of Governors	Stephen Hyams	0208 487 8437	<a href="mailto:governors@kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk">governors@kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk</a>
AfC Education Safeguarding Adviser	Linda Sheehan	07774686362	<a href="mailto:linda.sheehan@achievingforchildren.org.uk">linda.sheehan@achievingforchildren.org.uk</a>
AfC Adviser for Online Services and Safety	Peter Cowley	07595173975	<a href="mailto:peter.cowley@achievingforchildren.org.uk">peter.cowley@achievingforchildren.org.uk</a>
AfC Virtual School Headteacher	Suzanne Parrott	07827895894	<a href="mailto:suzanne.parrott@achievingforchildren.org.uk">suzanne.parrott@achievingforchildren.org.uk</a>

**Single Point of Access (SPA):** 020 8547 5008      **Out of Hours:** 020 8770 5000

## 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/krgs/?invite=4NMEB5](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/krgs/?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](mailto: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 than 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](mailto:governors@kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk)

