

# Kettlethorpe High School

Standbridge Lane, Sandal, Wakefield WF2 7EL

Headteacher: Mr T Griffiths



29 September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer and Pupils

We are now nearing the end of the fourth week in school following the summer break. Things are working well and we are hovering at the 90% figure for pupil attendance. Normally, this would be at 96%. It is clear that the Covid-19 pandemic is still impacting on our lives.

The school has been informed that we will be given two dates for pupils to receive Covid-19 vaccinations. Prior to the vaccination days, families are required to return paper consent forms to school by the week before. The school will send out a separate information letter as and when we receive the key dates.

Tomorrow sees the launch of 'School Streets' with local councillors and the police attending school. We have already sent out a number of newsletter updates on this project as this will have a direct impact on families who drive their car onto Kettlethorpe Hall Drive.

From tomorrow, there will be no vehicle access, unless you have a permit, onto Kettlethorpe Hall Drive between 8.15am-8.45am and 2.45pm-3.15pm, Monday to Friday. Road signs are in place as this is a legal highway change of use.

If parking on local streets, please be mindful of local residents. Do not park across driveways, on grass verges or on pavements. Pavement parking makes it really difficult for people walking, especially those with young children. Park away from bends and junctions, so that people crossing the roads can see any traffic.

When walking or scooting from the Park and Stride location, we advise you to:

- Be aware of other people using the site and the movement of vehicles if using this location. When driving in, be aware that pedestrians may be entering or exiting.
- When passing minor junctions, use the Green Cross Code to cross safely (Think, Stop, Look and Listen).
- Be aware that there may be vehicles entering driveways, garages and parking bays.
- If scooting, be aware of the surface and look for uneven pavements, debris or other obstacles. Control your speed on downhill sections and get off your scooter and walk when crossing roads.

- Walkers – be aware of obstacles on the pavement, such as bollards or parked cars. If you have to move onto the road to pass these, ensure that there are no vehicles and return to the pavement as soon as possible.
- Always keep left away from the kerb.

Year 7 reading continues on Period 5 next Wednesday, 06 October when they will have their next weekly Richer Reading lesson. We have been really impressed with the reading and discussion in these lessons and also, that only a handful of pupils have forgotten their books so far. Their engagement and concentration in these lessons has been impressive. Well done, Year 7!

This year we are excited to offer the Debate Club. This is a brilliant, extracurricular opportunity to pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9. Debate Club will give pupils the chance to discuss current topics, learn how to argue effectively and be part of a dynamic team of strong communicators. Later in the year, we will be selecting a team to compete in a debating competition, where they will be able to showcase the incredible knowledge they have built on over the year. The club runs on Tuesday lunchtimes (we eat together), with Miss Jenkins in the Drama Studio.

Homework clubs are now back up and running. They are held in the citizenship 1 room, near the art rooms. The best entry is through AD1 and AD2, Monday to Friday 8.00am – 8.40am and 3.05pm – 4.05pm after school. Here, pupils can use computers and printing facilities supported by staff from school.

The Year 6 Open Evening takes place on Thursday 07 October, 4.00pm to 7.00pm. This is a very busy and successful event that is made all the better through the high number of pupils who return to help subjects show visitors what our school is all about. The school will close at 1.15pm next Thursday to allow pupils and staff to prepare for the Open Evening. Thank you, everyone, for your support with this event.

The school currently has vacancies for two parent governors. The term of office is four years and requires attendance at up to six full governing body meetings each year. It is an excellent way to get involved in the strategic work of the school. Details on the process of application will be sent out next week. If we have more than two expressions of interest, a ballot process will then take place.

It really is great to see extra-curricular clubs and activities up and running again. Today, we have pupils out on a geography field trip and outdoor pursuit pupils rock-climbing in the Peak District. Last week, our Year 7 boys were on the 3G on Friday after school for football, with nearly 70 pupils involved. On Monday, last week, all our school and staff instrument players were off timetable for a day of music. Well done to everyone here and our advice to every pupil is to get involved in clubs and activities.

Well done to Abigail Duggan in Year 8 who has qualified for the World Championships in Taekwondo and will be competing in Italy next year. Nicely done Abigail!

Thank you for your continued support for the work of the school. Do please contact us if you require any advice or support on the start your child has made to the current academic year via our Year Managers. See below:

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Very best wishes

Yours sincerely

T Griffiths  
Headteacher

Dates for the Diary:

Thursday 07 October: Pupils finish at 1.15pm for Open Evening  
Friday 08 October: Inset Day – school closed to all pupils except Year 11  
Wednesday 13 October: Year 7 and Year 9 individual photos  
Thursday 14 October: Year 11 Consultation Evening (virtual)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Clean our hands more often using soap and water as well as the hand sanitiser found in all classrooms and social spaces.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Have good respiratory hygiene habits: <b>'Catch it, bin it, kill it'</b>. Use the tissues and bins provided.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Follow instructions from all adults quickly and sensibly.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Not attend school and follow public health advice if we have any symptoms of coronavirus.</li></ul>