

# Kettlethorpe High School

Standbridge Lane, Sandal, Wakefield WF2 7EL  
Headteacher: Mr T Griffiths



25 November 2021

Dear Parent/Carer and Pupils

The term continues to fly by, and on the whole, we are continuing with our normal routines as best we can. Things are still being influenced by the Covid-19 pandemic and the school continues to monitor this situation very closely.

**Children in Need/Anthony Nolan Trust:** We really did have a super fundraising day to support both Children in Need and the Anthony Nolan Trust. Thank you to all our pupils, staff, families and the wider community for the support and encouragement offered. I am pleased to report that, to date, we have collected in £13659. This now means that over the last 9 years, the school has raised over £102000 in total for Children in Need. Very well done everyone!

**Year 11 PPEs/GCSE Pod:** Our Year 11 pupils are now preparing for their PPEs. We would encourage them to prepare well and make use of the GCSE Pod videos. The school is currently in third position on the regional leaderboard. The hard work will be worth it Year 11.

**Phoning Home:** Pupils should not be phoning home on their mobiles to tell parents they are ill. They need to report to the pupil reception so that the school can contact home, as required, and make arrangements. This ensures that everyone knows what is going on. Thank you for your support here.

**EduLink:** From January, parents/carers will be able to notify school of pupil absence using their EduLink account. The facility to notify of absence by a form currently being used on the website will no longer be available. This will ensure that the information is handled securely. Please see below a guide on how to use the Absence Reporting feature of EduLink.

Access the EduLink App on your phone or in your web browser using this link:

<https://www.edulinkone.com/#/>

In the school id field type **Kettlethorpe** click Next

SCHOOL ID OR POSTCODE  
Kettlethorpe

NEXT

Enter your parent username and password



USERNAME  
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PASSWORD  
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REMEMBER ME?      RESET LOGIN

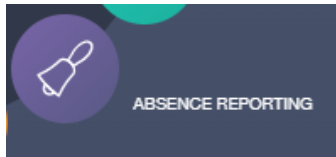
LOG IN

If you have more than one child please select the picture of the child you need to report absent.

CHILDREN:  Child 1  Child 2


Select the absence reporting button from the icon wheel






This will then open the screen the absence reporting screen. Please complete the date fields and provide as much detail as possible when completing the reason for the absence field.

From \*

Select start date and time 

To \*

Select end date and time 

Reason for Absence \*

After the dates, times and reasons have been filled in, you can also attach a document, such as a medical certificate/photo of an appointment card etc. to provide further detail of the absence. To do this click on the paper clip.



Lastly, click Send to report your child's absence.

SEND

CANCEL

Once you have click Send a notification of the absence will be sent to the school attendance team.

**Nasal Flu Spray:** Thank you to the pupils who have already returned their Nasal Flu Spray consent forms (which were given out by tutors W/C 15th November), all outstanding forms need to be returned to pupil reception or general office on Monday 29 November 2021. The immunisation team will be in school on the 13 December to deliver the vaccine.

**TikTok:** You may have picked up press coverage about pupils in schools, across the country, making videos about their schools and teachers. Some of this published content is rude and derogatory. We have asked TikTok to remove any offensive videos and they have done this.

Please be warned that the school will use the school's behaviour policy to deal with any pupils who post inappropriate content.

**Drugs:** As a school, over many years, we have stood by a zero tolerance to drugs of any sort coming onto the school site. Other schools, have a softer stance and the views of society have changed in this area. Despite this, any pupils involved in using/carrying cannabis will find themselves permanently removed from our school community.

**Vapes/Smoking:** School has previously made mention that any vape equipment/cigarettes taken from pupils will be disposed of. Last week school binned over £200 worth of vape equipment. It would appear that vaping is now returning as a fashionable activity. It is not, and is totally unacceptable for pupils of school age. Thank you for your support on this issue.

**Year 7 Football:** Very well done to the Year 7 boys' team on winning the Wakefield School's outdoor 5-a-side competition. There were 20 teams involved and our boys won all their games without letting a goal in. Nicely played boys!

**Squash:** Well done to Noah Riley in Year 7 for representing Yorkshire, winning all his games without dropping a match. Keep it up!

**Christmas Hampers:** This year the school is looking to deliver 50 hampers to families of pupils at our school. This is something that we have quietly done over a number of years. This is always well supported by the school community. In order to get this moving, pupils can bring in items of food over the next few weeks, as below:

Year 7: Biscuits/ Crisps/ Tea/ Coffee/Hot Chocolate/ dilute squash

Year 8: Cereal/ breakfast bars/ jams/ peanut butter/ rice cakes/ crackers

Year 9: Pasta/ Rice/ Packed rice/ Pasta sauces/ Soup (can or cup a soup)

Year 10: Baked beans/ Spaghetti hoops/ gravy granules/ corned beef/ tinned ham/ tinned stew

Year 11: Tinned fruits/ tinned vegetables/ custard/ mince pies/ ketchup/ mayonnaise/ tuna

They will need to bring the items to the uniform shop at registration to be stored safely.

Thank you for your support and contributions. It is valued.

**Cleaning Assistants vacancies:** We currently have a number of vacancies in school for cleaning assistants. If you are interested, please see link below:

<http://kettlethorpehigh.co.uk/vacancies/>

Thank you for your continued support for the work of the school.

Very best wishes

Yours sincerely

T Griffiths  
Headteacher

**Dates for the Diary:**

Friday 26 November 2021: INSET day, school closed to pupils except for Year 11 revision

Friday 17 December 2021: School closes at 1.05pm for the Christmas Break

Tuesday 04 January 2022: School returns at 8.40am

<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>