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# KENSINGTON JUNIOR ACADEMY

*Newsletter*

## **WELCOME BACK!**

Welcome back to a new and exciting school year! Welcome to all of our new families who are joining us this year. We hope you've had a restful summer and are ready to embark on another year of learning, growth, and success. We are excited to see all that our pupils will accomplish this year. Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

## **CLASS DOJO AND COMMUNICATION WITH SCHOOL**

Class Dojo is our main form of communication for sharing whole school communications, information about events in school and reminders. Please ensure that you are signed up so that you can stay up-to-date with what is happening in school. If you need any assistance getting signed up then please contact the office.

With regards to messaging function on Class Dojo please do not message your child's teacher to notify them of absences or illnesses – this should be done via the school office.

Likewise, please do not use Class Dojo to message about any urgent or serious issues; please contact the school office who will arrange a phone call or a meeting to discuss any matters with the Class Teacher in the first instance.

Please do not expect a reply to any messages sent after 5:00pm, at the weekend or during school holidays as staff will not be able to reply.

## **UNIFORM**

A reminder that we want everyone to look their absolute smartest in school uniform every day. All clothing and equipment must be clearly marked with the child's name.

Our school uniform consists of:

White, gold or burgundy polo shirt, shirt or blouse.

Burgundy cardigan or jumper.

Grey or black trousers, pinafore or skirt.

Plain, dark, sensible shoes (can be trainers).

P.E. Kit comprising plain, loose, comfortable clothing suitable for exercise e.g. T shirt, joggers, trainers. No football kits.

Please note that pupils are only permitted to wear one pair of small, plain stud earrings and a watch (please note that smart watches are not permitted). They must be able to remove these for PE.

1 small piece of religious jewellery is also permitted.

Pupils will be asked to remove any jewellery that is not permitted.

We have lots of spare uniform in school should you need it so please let us know if you need any support with this. Everyone should have their free school jumper – if you have any problems with this then please come to the office.

# ATTENDANCE

If your child is absent please ring the office before 9.30am on 0115 9322920 and select option 1. Please try to ensure that medical/dentist appointments are made for pupils outside of the school day wherever possible. We will require evidence of any medical appointments or the absence will be marked as unauthorised.

We will continue with our weekly class attendance awards and end of term awards for children with attendance above 98% this year (further details to follow) so please encourage children to be IN IT TO WIN IT!

Please see below update from Derbyshire County Council relating to attendance and penalty notices for next year:

## School attendance update September 2024

### Attendance categories

95 to 100% - as expected  
91 to 94% - at risk of persistent absence  
80 to 90% - persistent absence  
51 to 79% - at risk of severe absence  
Less than or equal to 50% - severe absence

### Support first approach

Missing school means children fall behind. This not only impacts on their future achievement, but also adds additional stress and worry as the pupil attempts to catch up. This can affect their mental health and that of their family.

Schools will always try to offer support to remove barriers to attendance before considering any form of legal intervention however they can only do this with the support of parents. If you do not engage with this support the school may feel that they have no choice than to request the Local Authority consider taking legal action against you for failure to secure your child's regular attendance at school under section 444(f) of the Education Act 1996

### Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are Changing

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the below changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines for unauthorised absence after 19th August 2024.

Education Penalty Notices are issued to the parents of statutory school age children and can be issued to each parent or carer who is deemed liable for the child's absence from school.

#### • First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:  
£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.  
Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

#### • Second Offence (within 3 years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:  
£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

#### • Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child.

### Can my child take a holiday in term time?

The simple answer is NO - pupils can only take leave of absence during term time if this is approved in advance by the school. Leave taken without permission may result in a penalty notice and or prosecution.

# READING MORNINGS

All parents and carers are welcome to come and join us in school every Wednesday morning from 8.45am until 9.05am to read with your child in their classroom.

# COFFEE MORNING

We will be hosting a weekly coffee morning every Thursday. Please come along from 8.45am until 9.45am to have a coffee and a chat with Mrs Bailey and members of the school team.

# SCHOOL WEBSITE AND CLASS PAGES

To help you stay informed, please take a moment to visit our website, where you'll find important updates and resources. Be sure to explore the Class Page section for details on PE and swimming days (Y5), as well as information on what children are learning in school.



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# Djanogly Derbyshire Primary Academies 2024-25 Academic Calendar

July 2024					
M	1	8	15	22	29
T	2	9	16	23	30
W	3	10	17	24	31
T	4	11	18	25	
F	5	12	19	26	
S	6	13	20	27	
S	7	14	21	28	

August 2024				
	5	12	19	26
	6	13	20	27
	7	14	21	28
1	8	15	22	29
2	9	16	23	30
3	10	17	24	31
4	11	18	25	

September 2024					
	2	9	16	23	30
	3	10	17	24	
	4	11	18	25	
	5	12	19	26	
	6	13	20	27	
	7	14	21	28	
1	8	15	22	29	

October 2024					
M		7	14	21	28
T	1	8	15	22	29
W	2	9	16	23	30
T	3	10	17	24	31
F	4	11	18	25	
S	5	12	19	26	
S	6	13	20	27	

November 2024				
	4	11	18	25
	5	12	19	26
	6	13	20	27
	7	14	21	28
1	8	15	22	29
2	9	16	23	30
3	10	17	24	

December 2024					
	2	9	16	23	30
	3	10	17	24	31
	4	11	18	25	
	5	12	19	26	
	6	13	20	27	
	7	14	21	28	
1	8	15	22	29	

January 2025					
M		6	13	20	27
T		7	14	21	28
W	1	8	15	22	29
T	2	9	16	23	30
F	3	10	17	24	31
S	4	11	18	25	
S	5	12	19	26	

February 2025				
	3	10	17	24
	4	11	18	25
	5	12	19	26
	6	13	20	27
	7	14	21	28
1	8	15	22	
2	9	16	23	

March 2025					
	3	10	17	24	31
	4	11	18	25	
	5	12	19	26	
	6	13	20	27	
	7	14	21	28	
1	8	15	22	29	
2	9	16	23	30	

April 2025					
M		7	14	21	28
T	1	8	15	22	29
W	2	9	16	23	30
T	3	10	17	24	
F	4	11	18	25	
S	5	12	19	26	
S	6	13	20	27	

May 2025				
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	6	13	20	27
	7	14	21	28
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2	9	16	23	30
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June 2025					
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	5	12	19	26	
	6	13	20	27	
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July 2025					
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Trust INSET Days

KJA INSET Days

Public Holidays

Academy Holidays

Weekend