

Principal's Update 6th October 2023

Dear all

I hope that you have had a good week and that you are looking forward to the weekend. A video version of this letter can be found here: https://youtu.be/J_3pVHRrHkg

Uniform Survey

Thank you to everyone who has now taken the time to do this. We have had a huge number of responses which I am really pleased to see. Mr Taylor and I have factored in some time early next week to review the responses and we will then of course let you know of any changes. Your children have also been petitioning me (pretty successfully actually!) to consider having more non uniform days. Again, we will let you know plans for this when we get in touch about the outcome of the uniform survey.

Neuro Diversity Project

We have a really exciting opportunity to work with a number of professionals (physiotherapists, occupational therapist, psychologist, researchers) to explore how we can make mainstream classrooms more accommodating for our neurodivergent learners. We are also looking to explore how an increased use and understanding of physical activity could impact positively on learning. As part of this work, we are keen to hear from parents and children about their experiences within the classroom. If this is something you would like to be involved in, then please let me know. The time commitment will not be extensive, and it should be a fantastic opportunity to have a say in how we develop certain aspects of our provision at KSA.

Conduct

A very small number of our students have been involved in behaviour on the way to and from school this week which does not meet our core values or expectations. We have reminded students that our behaviour policy enables us to sanction children on the way to and from school, and whilst they are wearing our school uniform, and that our expectations extend beyond the school gate into the community.

School Visits

I am really looking forward to our Open Evening next Tuesday – it is one of my favourite events of the school calendar. However, whilst I think Open Evenings are a fabulous way to find out some things about a school, you can't beat visiting the school during a normal school day. I wanted to take this opportunity, therefore, to invite you (regardless of what year group your child is in) to come and look around the school during the day - we won't put on anything out of the ordinary and it will be KSA school life on a typical day. You'd be most welcome to join us – just drop me an email and we can arrange this.

As ever, thank you for getting in touch when you need to, and I look forward to speaking with you all again next week.

Mrs Giovanelli