



Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

### End of Academic Year 2023/24 Letter

You will recall at the beginning of the academic year, Katie Turner and I wrote to you to outline the focus of our leadership as we joined you at Kenley Primary:

**Ambition** - We are determined that each pupil and member of staff reaches their best potential  
**Improvement** - A commitment to making continuous improvements every day that ensure that we are always striving for success.  
**People** - To value, understand and support every individual is paramount to achieving a community of confident, caring and resilient individuals

As the school year ends, and I reflect on all that has taken place, I can confidently say that we have been continually focused on these goals, seeing successes and great progress in each:

While we regularly reflect and self-evaluate on all that we do, our work was acknowledged at our recent Ofsted inspection who recognised the clear ambition for the quality of education within our school, with expectations consistently high for all, including those with special educational needs.

Our new curriculums in History, Geography and RE, in particular, have been well-received by children. With local visits including Kenley Aerodrome and Croydon Mosque taking place to enrich children's learning, engagement has been excellent. A wide range of purposefully selected books have been mapped out for every year group, across every wider curriculum subject, to complement and enrich children's learning but also inspire a love of learning.

Throughout this year, development based on clearly identified priorities has been ongoing for adults as well as children, who are becoming more and more independent over time. Children are taking greater responsibility for their learning, their relationships with others and their choices. Reading Buddies, Playground Pals and School Parliamentarians are just some of the many ways in which children have contributed to improvements in our school. Staff have engaged with their own professional development through weekly training and coaching, including pedagogical approaches and adapting to differing needs. It is additional professional learning such as this that ensures success for all in our school community.

Our focus this year on a restorative approach so that conflict resolution is positive has greatly empowered children. They are recognising difficult interactions with peers as opportunities to learn and grow socially and emotionally, while taking ownership and developing greater independence and resilience. I continue to be proud of each of them as they grow in confidence in gaining this invaluable life skill, with enabling support from adults.

With my role as Head of School now permanent, I look forward with great optimism and excitement for all that lies ahead in our longer-term journey together. I wish to thank Katie Turner for her extensive support and contribution to the school over this past year as Executive Principal – we are fortunate that Katie will return in her role as Director of Education next year and beyond.

For some the journey comes to an end: today, we said a fond farewell to all of our Year 6 pupils who leave us to start the next stage of their school journey in secondary school. They take with them lots of happy memories and we wish them great success and happiness. We are delighted we have been

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Head of School: Mrs Jacki Keogh





able to give the children some lovely celebrations, gifts and hoodies to mark the end of their primary education. They will be missed!

I would also like to take this opportunity to celebrate the dedicated and committed staff of Kenley Primary, in their many different roles, for their dedication and hard work this school year. We are very fortunate to have such wonderful staff team, who are committed to ensuring every child has the best school experiences.

### The new academic year

On Tuesday 2nd September, we begin the new academic year for children in the new Year 1 to Year 6 classes. From Monday 9<sup>th</sup> we will be welcoming the newest members of our community: Reception Class 2024/25.

### The school day

Gates open for soft-start to the day: 08:35 Gates close: 08:45

Gates open for end of the day dismissal: 15:15

Dismissal arrangements for Year 1 – Year 6 will take place in allocated spaces on both KS1 and KS2 playgrounds (further details to be shared before the start of new term).

### Uniform

When purchasing or preparing uniform for September, please bear in mind our expectations, which [can be found here on our website](#). A reminder that plain black shoes (or trainers if completely black with no logos), appropriate for a range of activities, throughout the day are required. Please remember that on the days timetabled for your child to do PE, a school jumper or Kenley fleece only should be worn over PE kit and that completely black plimsolls or trainers are required. Trainers that are not completely black can be carried to school in a bag and changed into for PE lessons, with plain black shoes or trainers worn for the rest of the day. These expectations do not require any additional items to be purchased.

Information regarding your children's timetabled PE days will be shared before the start of the new term.

### Breakfast & After-School Club

Details of Kenley's 'wraparound service', provided by Holiplay, can be found [via our website](#).

### Classrooms

Your children have been provided with the following information, and visited their new classrooms. Further information about morning arrangements and cloakrooms will be shared before the start of the new term.

**Where will my classroom be?**



<b>Upstairs</b>	Year 6	Year 5	Year 4	ICT Suite
<b>Downstairs</b>	Year 2	Library	Year 3	



Thank you to parents and carers for the positive contributions made in ensuring our school is a happy community for all who are an important part of it. By communicating and working together in partnership, we can be assured of success for all.

On behalf all of the staff and governors of Kenley Primary School, I wish you all an enjoyable summer break and look forward to seeing you in September.

Kind regards

Jacki Keogh  
Head of School

If you or someone you know needs support during the summer break, you may find these contacts of use:

**Samaritans** - call for free 24 hours a day on 116 123

**National Domestic Abuse Helpline** – call for free and confidential advice, 24 hours a day on 0808 2000 247

**Shelter** - 0330 0536 083 (your call will be charged) for free confidential information, support and legal advice on all housing and homelessness issues. Free webchat at [https://england.shelter.org.uk/get\\_help/webchat](https://england.shelter.org.uk/get_help/webchat)

<b><u>Urgent child protection and safeguarding contact numbers</u></b> If you believe a child is at immediate risk of harm, call 999	
<b>Croydon</b>	<b>Surrey</b>
Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) 0208 255 2888 <a href="mailto:mash@croydon.gov.uk">mash@croydon.gov.uk</a>	Children's Single Point of Access (C-SPA) 0300 470 9100 Monday – Friday 9am – 5pm <a href="mailto:cspa@surreycc.gov.uk">cspa@surreycc.gov.uk</a>
<b>Out of hours contacts   Emergency Duty Social Worker</b>	
0208 726 6400 <a href="mailto:SSD-EMERGENCY-DUTY-TEAM@croydon.gov.uk">SSD-EMERGENCY-DUTY-TEAM@croydon.gov.uk</a>	01483 517898 <a href="mailto:edt.ssd@surreycc.gov.uk">edt.ssd@surreycc.gov.uk</a>

