



Covid update

Once again can I say a huge “thank you” to all of you who have been so supportive to the school as we move through the year. Although we are now in our second lockdown, there have been very few changes to our day at school and we have been pleased to see our highest attendance rates since the start of the school year.

Please can I remind you that because we are now in a national lockdown, the rules have changed for the journey to and from school. Government guidance states:

Meeting others safely

In general, you must not meet people socially. However, you can exercise or meet in a public, outdoors space with people you live with, your support bubble (or as part of a childcare bubble), or with one other person. You should minimise time spent outside your home. When around other people, stay 2 metres apart from anyone not in your household - meaning the people you live with - or your support bubble. Where this is not possible, stay 1 metre apart with extra precautions (e.g. wearing a face covering).

A support bubble is where a household with one adult joins with another household. Households in that support bubble can still visit each other, stay overnight in each other’s households, and visit outdoor public places together.

You can exercise or visit outdoor public places with:

the people you live with

your support bubble

or, when on your own, 1 person from another household. Children under 5, as well as disabled people dependent on round-the-clock care are not counted towards the limit on two people meeting outside

Outdoor public places include:

neighbourhood streets, parks, beaches, and the countryside

public gardens and grounds (whether or not you pay to enter them)

allotments

outdoor playgrounds

This makes it very clear that apart from very exceptional circumstances **each family should make their way to school without coming within 2 metres of another family**. Year 6 children walking to school can walk with one other child from their bubble, but should not travel in groups of more than two. Please help us by keeping to the 2 metre rule as you travel to and from school. The only adults that should collect children from school are people that live in the household or those in a support/childcare bubble. This means that only one alternative adult should pick up your child and this should not change from day to day.

I really hope that the lockdown over the next four weeks is able to reduce the impact of Covid on our lives and that after this point things will become easier again. If we are able to do all that we can to stick to the rules, it is more likely that the restrictions will be eased.

Susan Smith

Headteacher



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Children in Need

13 November 2020

You may be aware that Friday 13th November is Children in Need Day. The Children in Need charity raises money which is used to fund projects involving children who are less fortunate than others. In previous years the children at Robert Le Kyng have participated in lots of different activities to raise money for this cause.

This year we would like the children to wear their uniform as usual, but include one spotty item, such as a sock. Please do not buy anything special to wear.

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, we will not be collecting donations of coins in school this year. Instead you will be able to make a donation of £1 via parentmail. The money raised will be forwarded to the Children in Need charity. We do hope that you will be able to support our fundraising effort, whilst getting creative in the process.

Thank you

Mrs Beale

Unfortunately, our plans for Christmas activities this year will also have to change. We have decided that we will not be distributing Christmas cards between the children this year. Unfortunately for the teachers, this also means that we are going to ask you not to send in gifts for them this year! To be honest, it is the messages of thanks that the teachers value the most so if you wish to send in an email of thanks – we will make sure teachers get them!

The nativity has also been cancelled but Mrs Townsend is planning a Christmas Service for the last day of term where we will share the Christmas story. We still intend to create cards to go home and calendars, but there will be much less moving between home and school.





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REMINDER :-

Nasal Flu Immunisations will take place at school on **Wednesday 25th November 2020** and are available to all children at RLK. Your child will not receive the immunisation unless they have been registered using the following link.

<https://schoolimms.virginicare.co.uk/flu/2020/swindon>

Parentmails have also been sent with the link to register your child.



We have a lot of spare uniform in the school which we would like to go to good use. We have therefore decided to open a clothing bank for those in need of uniform. This includes; jumpers, cardigans, summer dresses, t-shirts, skirts, trousers and coats. As this is spare uniform, we do not have every size of each item so we may not be able to fulfil your request.

The clothing bank will be run on a first come, first served basis. Please email any requests to r.spooner@robertlekyng.swindon.sch.uk stating what items you would like and which size.

All clothes are second hand, they have been washed. Clothing will only be handled by the member of staff dealing with requests. The school will let you know when your request is ready for you to collect from the office.

Parking in the streets around the school



The school enjoys a good relationship with our neighbours but occasionally issues are brought to our attention. Please can we remind you that the streets around the school are residential.

Please park considerately (and legally!) so that residents vehicles are not blocked in and pavements are kept clear. Please reduce speed in the vicinity of the school especially during the start and end of the school day.

RLK Supporters

The Supporters need you!! We are looking for parents and carers to come and join us. If you are interested in becoming involved with the Supporters, or if you have any fundraising ideas, please speak to Mrs Beale, or email us at Supporters@robertlekyng.swindon.sch.uk

Due to the current restrictions, the Supporters are planning to hold their next few meetings virtually. The date of the next meeting and details of how to take part will be announced shortly.