



29 June 2021

Dear Parents & Carers,

I'm afraid this is a lengthy letter, but please take the time to read it and note down details that are relevant to you during the final few weeks of term.

Increased Covid Vigilance Needed

As we near the end of term, our focus in JD needs to be on maintaining tight precautions in order to have the best chance of delivering the pupils to you without needing to isolate at the start of the summer break. Your vigilance is essential in this.

If you have concerns that your child or a household member has symptoms of Covid, then please err on the side of caution and keep your child off school and away from others whilst you get the appropriate tests and results. If the pandemic has taught us one thing, it is surely that we are all interconnected; we are all in this together. Your vigilance and actions are what will keep us safe.

New JD Staff Member

Mrs Pasqualino has joined our team to provide office support at JD, and will be in our office at the start of the day on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs Pasqualino is also providing office support in the Music department, so will be dealing with musical instrument lessons and requests. Mrs Pasqualino can be contacted on pasqualino.r@kings.peterborough.sch.uk

JD2 Investor Challenge

The pupils of JD2 were given a fictional £1,000 to invest, in pairs, after the Easter break, with the aim of making as much money as possible. After 12 weeks we have closed the project; the winning investors managed to make themselves an additional £174.06 profit. Very well done to Ryan and Imogen.

Potential Leavers' Service for Year 6

At this stage we are not yet clear on whether we will be able to invite Year 6 parents to attend a leavers' service. However, we do have a provisional date. Year 6 parents, please try to keep the afternoon of Friday 16 July free. If we are able to go ahead we are most likely to hold an outdoor service on this date. I will update you in next week's letter.

Friday 2 July - JD1 Go Ape and Thetford Forest

Thank you all for returning your permission slips. We can now sign the pupils into the activity on your behalf. Please note that pupils will be let into **JD at 7.15am** to visit the toilet, and to check their equipment before we depart at 7.30am sharp. Please collect your children at 5pm from the tower entrance on Park Road. There are no chorister duties for Years 3 or 4 on this day.

For this trip there are two special additions to the usual kit list. Pupils will need to bring a **pair of gloves** to be worn during the activity, and will need to wear **long trousers/leggings**.

Pupils should wear sturdy, non-uniform clothing, but with their school hoody to help us identify them. They will need to bring the following items in a small backpack, which they are responsible for carrying throughout the day:

- Water bottle
- Gloves
- Facemask
- Packed lunch and snacks (the snacks can be treats, e.g. biscuit/cake, but no chocolate bars or sweets please)
- Lightweight waterproof jacket/cagoule
- Sturdy trainers/hiking boots
- Plastic carrier bag
- Appropriate sun equipment, e.g. cap and sun cream

We will carry communal hand sanitiser, but it is helpful if pupils carry their own small bottle with them.

Pupils are welcome to bring a book, notebook and pencil or simple games (e.g. top trumps) to play during the journey. Please do not send any electronic items. These items can be left on the coach whilst we take part in the day's activities.

Y6 to Y7 - Monday 5 July

Mr Jenkins will be head of Year 7 in September. He will be visiting our Year 6 pupils on Monday 5 July to talk with them about transition and to answer their questions.

School Reports - Friday 9 July

Staff are currently preparing reports to go home on Friday 9 July.

SRE (Sex and Relationships Education) 12 / 13 July

SRE will take place in JD2, but will be delivered by JD staff taking the role usually filled by the School Nurse. This will take place in several stages:

- 12 July - Year 5 and 6 girls will have a lesson about Menstruation with Miss Martin
- 12 July - Year 6 Pupils will learn about 'changes' to the body, including puberty, with Mr Ludford
- 13 July - Year 6 Pupils will learn about conception and birth with Mr Ludford

We use a DVD resource called 'Living And Growing', produced by Channel 4, to support the work, and we ensure pupils have the opportunity to raise questions discreetly. If parents have any questions about these sessions, please contact Mr Ludford directly.

Monday 19 July - Main School Sports Day

We are delighted that Sports Day will go ahead this year in the main school, although there will be significant differences to normal. Parents will not be able to attend, and the **JD relay teams will be participating** in the morning before returning to School in time to eat their packed lunch.

We will walk JD pupils to the Athletics track before the rest of the School walk down. We will be on site early. The relay teams from our own JD Sports Day will be racing in the first event. We will complete our races, and stay to watch the School's fastest sprinters in the 100 metre heats before we walk back to School.

We ask that ALL JD pupils arrive in PE kit on this Monday. This means that those running in races will not have to change, and means that any last-minute substitutions that house captains may have to make can be done easily. It also means that pupils are in PE kit to make the most of their final playtimes this term at JD.

Parents should pick their children up from the Junior Department at the usual time at the end of the day on 19 July.

Yours faithfully,

Mr D Ludford
Head of Junior Department