



Tuesday 26th August 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well and that you have had an enjoyable summer break. We are very much looking forward to welcoming the children back to school on Wednesday. The school has been a hive of activity over the holidays with lots of people working hard to make improvements to the school site and classrooms. Most notable perhaps are the renovation of the cabin into a library space and the new decking outside the Year 1 and 2 classrooms.

I am delighted to be embarking on my new role at such a wonderful school. I have thoroughly enjoyed my last 9 years at Kingstone and am looking forward to the challenges that this new role will bring. As you will know, I will be supported by Mr Bull and Ms Wilson in their roles as Assistant Headteachers. Ms Wilson will be the school SENDCO and Mr Bull will be overseeing attendance and data. We are all excited to be leading Kingstone into its next chapter.

Tomorrow, you will be receiving a welcome letter from your child's class teacher, along with a Topic Web outlining what the children will be learning about in each topic this coming half term. These documents will also give you key information such as what day your child will need to be in their PE kit etc. I hope receiving this information before the return to school excites your child about their new class, puts any new class nerves at ease and gives you a chance to get things organised before the busy return to school.

As well as the start of year letters, on the first full week back, you are invited to an open classroom, 'Meet the Teacher' event. At this, you will be able to see inside your child's new classroom, meet their teacher and be given some key information about the new year group.

These events will take place at 3:20pm and the dates are as follows:

- 8th September – Years 5 and 6 Meet the Teacher
- 9th September – Years 1 and 2 Meet the Teacher
- 10th September – Years 3 and 4 Meet the Teacher

We are busy finalising the calendar of events document for the Autumn Term; this will be emailed to you next week. When you receive it, you will notice that I have also included dates for significant events that are in Spring/Summer Term (Sports Day etc) so that you are able to make work or childcare arrangements in plenty of time.

After school clubs will be starting w/c 15th September. In the coming weeks you will receive a letter about the clubs on offer so that you can sign your child(ren) up to any that they may like to take part in.

We continue to encourage high standards of presentation from our pupils, both in their work and in the way they dress – we want the children to be proud to wear their Kingstone uniform. Please support us with this by ensuring your child comes to school wearing the correct uniform each day.

Our uniform policy states:

- For safety reasons, jewellery should not be worn at school. Whilst discouraged, small, single, studs may be worn. In this instance, they must be taped up for PE lessons and removed during swimming sessions.
- Make-up and nail polish may not be worn.
- Children should not have hair styles which step away from what the school considers normal styles or natural colours. This includes shaved patterns into hairstyles.

More detailed information can be found in our Uniform Policy on the school website.

A reminder that we have an Eco-rail in school where second-hand uniform can be bought at low prices. We will be holding Eco-rail sales on the main school playground at 3:20pm on the first Friday of each half term. The first sale will be on Friday 5th September.

Letters and information will continue to be emailed to parents from the school office. Moving forward, all emails from school (unless urgent) will be scheduled to be sent out to parents and carers at 6:00pm. I hope that having a set time for emails to be received will make it easier to keep on top of school correspondence and minimise the risk of things being missed.

Good attendance is essential to your child's success at school, both academically and socially. When children miss school frequently or are regularly collected early, even by just a short amount of time, it can disrupt their learning and make it harder for them to keep up with their classmates. We understand that occasional early pickups may be unavoidable, but when they happen often, they can have a real impact on your child's education. We kindly ask for your support in ensuring your child attends school on time every day and stays for the full school day whenever possible, so they can make the most of all the opportunities school has to offer.

At the end of each day, we ask that children are collected at 3:20pm from the correct place on the school playground. This is a good time for teachers to catch parents to share brilliant work and celebrate a pupil's success or pass on a message. The end of the day is a very busy time in the office, so we politely request that you do not collect your child from the school office, unless this has been pre-agreed for a specific reason. If you have need to collect your child from the school office as a regular arrangement, please do contact me on the email address below so that we can explore suitable staffing arrangements for this.

As we begin this new school year, one of my priorities is to build even stronger connections between school and home. I would really like to find more opportunities to hear directly from parents and carers, as your views and experiences are incredibly valuable in helping us create the best possible environment for our children. While the school already benefits from strong home-school links and a supportive and engaged parent community, I'm keen to explore new ways to gather your feedback and ensure your voices continue to play an

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important role in shaping our journey ahead. More information will follow in the coming term but if this is something you feel passionately about and something you would like to be involved in, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

I will be greeting the children in Years 1 – 6 on the main school gate each morning and will be at the Reception entrance to welcome the children from time to time, too. If ever you have something you would like to discuss or if you would like to book an appointment with me, this can be arranged via the school office. I can also be contacted via email:

ktpshead@kingstoneacademy.co.uk.

Here's to a happy and successful academic year!

With best wishes.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'A. Preece'.

Amy Preece

Head of School