



A Message from Mrs Clarke

Welcome back for the Spring Term! The weather has certainly seemed anything other than 'spring like.' We have lots to look forward to in this term as the children participate in Wheelchair Basketball, Years 3&5 are swimming at Harvey Haddon and Years 3&4 will be starting to work on their production ready to perform before the Easter holidays.

As mentioned previously, we aim to have the children outside at lunchtime daily unless the weather proves a danger. Please ensure that even if it looks sunny as your child leaves home, that they come to school with a waterproof coat and they have wellies they can put on if needed so that they can fully participate with our OPAL activities.

Our kitchen staff are running new menus this term and they have been shared on Dojo but are also always available on our website if you need to check them. Please ensure you order your child's meal choices by a Sunday evening for the coming week.

Thank you to those parents/carers who are reporting your child's absences promptly. Please remember you can do this via our phonenumber or via the Arbor App.

Start and End of the School Day

Our gates open at 8:30am and staff are available to speak to parents on the door until 8:40. Please note, ALL parents/carers need to have left the site by 8:45am. This is when we need to lock our site gates and secure our premises so that our pupils can start their day of learning. Learning activities are occurring in classrooms from 8:30am.

At the end of the day for years Rec – Year 6, **school ends at 3:15pm. Pupils in these year groups should be collected at this time unless they are attending KPS Club.** Staff in these year groups have commitments to meetings/training that begin before 3:30pm. Our gates only remain open until 3:30pm only as our nursery children have a flexible pick up time between 3:15 – 3:30pm.

Please ensure your child is collected at the correct time.

Misuse of Social Media

At Kimberley, all staff work in the best interests of all pupils who attend the school. They do this with professionalism, and it is vital that communication between home and school remains respectful.

Please remember that Class Dojo is not a social media app. It is a platform for school staff and parents/carers at home to share information professionally and in an appropriate manner. Please note that as per our Parental Code of Conduct (shared previously on Dojo and available on our website) abusive, aggressive or disrespectful behaviour will not be tolerated in any form of communication.

We are also aware of some parents/carers making comments about school/staff on social media platforms. A number of these come as a surprise as they are not issues that have previously been brought to school's attention by those making the comments. We understand that at times, concerns arise; if this is the case we ask you to raise it directly with school rather than on social media as if we are not aware of a problem, we cannot work together with you to solve it.

Keeping Safe

A polite reminder that as a school, we allow Year 5 and Year 6 pupils to walk unaccompanied to and from school **if parents/carers have given permission via the Arbor App**. All children in Years Nursery – Year 4 need to be accompanied by someone over 16 to and from the school gate. Please ensure that when walking, you re-enforce road safety, especially if your child has a mobile device. Unfortunately, some pupils are so connected to their phone that they are not paying attention to their surroundings, and we would hate for anyone to get hurt.

School Uniform

Please ensure that your child is wearing only clothing that complies with our School Uniform Policy. We do not insist on logos on our uniform, however we do require pupils to wear the specified uniform, including the agreed PE kit. **Please note that unless it is a non-uniform day, football shirts/shorts should not be worn.** Our PE kit is plain navy/black shorts or joggers/leggings and a sapphire blue t-shirt and sweatshirt.

PE kit should only be worn on specified PE days. Please remember **all pupils also require a pair of wellies**. Please name all clothing, including coats. We have hundreds of pounds worth of clothing left behind and unclaimed and because it does not have names inside, we cannot return the items to their owners.

Please note that black jumpers/hoodies are not to be worn in place of our school jumpers/cardigans.

Our Uniform

The school endeavours to ensure that our uniform is as gender neutral as possible.

The uniform is as follows:

- Navy sweatshirt or navy cardigan (with or without the school logo)
- Navy or white polo shirt (with or without the school logo)
- Dark grey or black trousers or skirt
- Grey or black tailored shorts (Summer only)
- In summer, a blue and white check summer dress may be worn (this is an optional item)
- Black, sensible shoes
- Grey, black or white socks
- Grey or black tights

Open-toed sandals are not considered suitable footwear for school.

High heels are not permitted: sensible, plain black shoes must be worn by both boys and girls.

Black jeans and leggings are not permitted in day-to-day uniform.

All items of clothing and footwear must be labelled with the pupil's name.

Our PE Kit

Children are asked to come into school on the day of their PE lesson wearing their PE kit. They can wear it for the full school day.

Parents/carers are responsible for ensuring their child is dressed appropriately for PE.

The PE kit is as follows:

- Sapphire blue T-shirt (with or without the logo)
- Sapphire blue sweatshirt (no hood) with or without the logo
- Plain navy or black tracksuit bottoms or leggings
- Navy or black shorts (towards knee length)

Suitable trainers

Plain tracksuit bottoms are preferred. However, a small, branded logo is acceptable.

All items of clothing and footwear must be labelled with the pupil's name.

A copy of our School Uniform Policy, agreed by our governors, can be found on the school website.

OPAL DONATIONS

If you (or anyone you know of) is looking at getting rid of any working bikes or scooters- particularly suitable for our older children- we will happily take donations throughout the year for our pupils to use during lunchtimes. Thank you in advance for any support in this area.