

8 December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

KLB Christmas Market

Following the success of last year's event, our sixth form committee has organised a KLB Christmas market to bring everyone together and spread a little cheer across the school as we head into the holidays! Each of the twelve tutor groups has organised a stall at the event, which takes place on Wednesday and Thursday next week. Stalls include: tombola, Christmas karaoke, chocolate stirrers, Santa photo booth, Santa sleigh ride round school, Christmas biscuits sale, sporty challenge, hot chocolate and marshmallows and ... soak the teacher!

Students in Years 7-9 will be taken to the market by their teachers at an allocated time over the two days. Year 10 and 11 students are welcome to pop in at break and lunchtime. Sixth form students can attend during free periods as well as at break and lunchtime. Tutors will confirm these arrangements to the students.

Each stall will charge 50p or £1 with all proceeds going to charity. Students can pay with cash or they can buy a £3 market card from their canteen account as they arrive at the market. We will remove the daily Scopay spend of £5 over the two days so that students can have lunch: However, students will not be allowed to go into debt on their accounts, so some topping up might be necessary.

If you are not happy for your child(ren) to spend money at the market, please email info@klbschool.org.uk to ensure a card is not issued and do not give them cash to bring in from home.

Last day of term two:

The last day of this term, Friday 16 December, will finish at 12.30pm for students. Periods 1 and 2 will be normal timetabled lessons, followed by Christmas party time in tutor bases. Year 11 students will attend their maths mock examination followed by party time in tutor bases for the remainder of the morning. The buses will leave at 12.30pm. If any students need to remain in school until 2.45pm, please email info@klbschool.org.uk so that we can arrange supervision. Whilst this is **not** a non-uniform day, it has become a tradition for sixth form students to wear Christmas jumpers in support of a charity of their choice. Students in lower years are welcome to wear jumpers or add a festive touch to their normal uniform.

Uniform supplier:

We have been informed that Monkhouse is closing its Yate branch on 7 January 2023. They will move all KLB stock to their Stoke Gifford shop and continue to offer the online service. Following parental response to the uniform survey, we are currently going out to tender for a new contract. Our current contract with Monkhouse ends at the end of the 2022/2023 school year but, as part of the existing contract, they will still supply for September 2023 since this process started in November 2022. Until then, we will explore the option of having samples of uniform in school so that parents can check sizing before ordering online to avoid a trip to the Bristol shop. The company is also adding more guidance to their website to help with sizing.

We are planning to set up a uniform exchange at school by the end of the current academic year. Details will follow once this is finalised.

Term 6 dates:

Our school year is calendared to finish on Tuesday 25 July. Due to changes in the scheduling of the school's rebuild, the construction company, Kier, now needs access to most areas of the school site on Monday 24 and Tuesday 25 July. For this reason, we will move the last day **in school** to Friday 21 July and finish at 12.30pm. Teachers will set online learning for Monday 24 July. Students can complete this work at any point over the summer, ready for the new school year.

Scarlet fever and invasive group A strep

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has reported that scarlet fever cases are higher than we would typically see at this time of year. Scarlet fever is caused by bacteria called group A streptococci. These bacteria also cause other respiratory and skin infections such as strep throat and impetigo (a skin infection). In very rare occasions, the bacteria can get into the bloodstream and cause an illness called invasive Group A strep (iGAS). On the second page of this letter, you will find advice about symptoms and action if your child is ill.

Cold weather

With temperatures set to plummet this week, we are reminding students to wear a coat to school and keep this on at break and lunch if they are outside. The heating is on inside school buildings and temperatures are monitored closely.

If you have any questions about any of the point raised above, please email info@klbschool.org.uk

Best wishes



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Advice for parents and carers

Symptoms of scarlet fever and when to see a GP

Scarlet fever is a contagious bacterial infection that mostly affects young children. It is easily treated with antibiotics. The first signs of scarlet fever can be flu-like symptoms, including high temperature, a sore throat and swollen neck glands (a large lump on the side of your neck).

A rash appears 12 to 48 hours later. It looks like small, raised bumps and starts on the chest and tummy, then spreads. The rash makes your skin feel rough, like sandpaper. On white skin the rash looks pink or red. It may be harder to see on brown and black skin, but you can still feel it. A white coating also appears on the tongue. This peels, leaving the tongue red, swollen and covered in little bumps (called “strawberry tongue”). The rash does not appear on the face, but the cheeks can look red. The redness may be harder to see on brown and black skin.

Contact a GP if your child:

- Has scarlet fever symptoms
- Does not get better in a week (after seeing a GP)
- Has scarlet fever and chickenpox at the same time
- Is ill again, weeks after scarlet fever got better – this can be a sign of a complication, such as rheumatic fever
- Is feeling unwell and has been in contact with someone who has scarlet fever

Scarlet fever is very easily spread. Check with a GP before you go in. They may suggest a phone consultation.

What to do if you feel your child seems seriously unwell

As a parent, if you feel that your child seems seriously unwell, you should trust your own judgement. Contact NHS 111 or your GP if:

- your child is getting worse
- your child is feeding or eating much less than normal
- your child has had a dry nappy for 12 hours or more or shows other signs of dehydration
- your baby is under 3 months and has a temperature of 38°C, or is older than 3 months and has a temperature of 39°C or higher
- your baby feels hotter than usual when you touch their back or chest, or feels sweaty
- your child is very tired or irritable

Call 999 or go to A&E if:

- your child is having difficulty breathing – you may notice grunting noises or their tummy sucking under their ribs
- there are pauses when your child breathes
- your child's skin, tongue or lips are blue
- your child is floppy and will not wake up or stay awake

Good hand and respiratory hygiene are important for stopping the spread of many bugs. By teaching your child how to wash their hands properly with soap for 20 seconds, using a tissue to catch coughs and sneezes, and keeping away from others when feeling unwell, they will be able to reduce the risk of picking up or spreading infections.