

25 May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

As we head towards the end of term, I would like to update you about a range of matters:

Ofsted and the parents' survey

You will be aware that Ofsted visited KLB for two days last week. We had been expecting a visit for almost a year, so we are pleased that the waiting is over! In the weeks that follow an Ofsted visit, a quality assurance process takes place. Once this has been completed, the letter to parents, summarising the findings, will be published. Until this point, schools are not allowed to make statements to parents and students.

Thank you for the many messages of support and thank you also for completing the Ofsted survey so soon after so many of you had completed the one I had sent out following my appointment as Headteacher. This one is still live. At the end of the KLB survey, were two text boxes for parents to provide feedback about what we do well and what we could do better. The free text comments on the Ofsted survey are not seen by the school; the inspectors use them to triangulate what they see and hear in other parts of the inspection. If you would like to provide any additional feedback, may I ask that you do this before 4pm on Tuesday 6 June via this link, previously emailed: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/GN6HSG7>

Key dates for term 6

Monday 5 June	First day of term 6
Thursday 22 June	Summer Concert
Thursday 29 June	Sports Day
Friday 30 June	Inset Day (students not in school)
Monday 3 July	Art Exhibition starts
Thursday 13 July	Sports Awards Evening
Friday 21 July	Last day of term for all students (early finish at 12.30pm)

Times of day 2023/24

The government has stated an expectation that from September 2023, all mainstream state-funded schools should provide a 32.5-hour week, or 6.5-hour days. Currently our day length is 6 hours 20 minutes, so we will need to extend each day by 10 minutes. Working with the bus companies, who need to consider their other routes, we have agreed to start the school day five minutes earlier and finish five minutes later. Morning registration will take place at 8.20am and the day will end at 2.50pm. The use of this additional time will be finalised at the start of next term. I appreciate that these changes may affect you in terms of childcare or working arrangements but we are obliged to make this change and this arrangement is the one that causes the least disruption and can be managed by the bus companies.

Building work during the examination period

The building work is progressing well. Please be reassured that we are monitoring sound levels closely because the main building site is situated close to the sports hall where students are sitting examinations. Building work will not take place during listening examinations.

Bus concerns

Two weeks ago, I met with Shaun Lippiatt, Transport Client Transport Manager at South Gloucestershire Council, to share a range of concerns about the Euro Coaches bus service. We talked about late collection at both ends of the day, the need to check passes from a safeguarding perspective and safety concerns about the Kingswood tennis court bottleneck. Mr Lippiatt has assured me he will work with Euro Coaches to address these concerns from September. There is a plan to colour code the passes so that bus drivers can check quickly whether students are on the correct bus. The routes taken by the buses has been reinforced so that as few as possible drive through the Kingswood bottleneck. If you have concerns about the bus service, please email Shaun directly (shaun.lippiatt@southglos.gov.uk) copying info@klbschool.org.uk into your correspondence so that we can monitor the situation. After half term, I plan to meet with Applegates.

Term 6 and summer weather

We are optimistic that the sunshine is here to stay so students need not bring blazers to school from now until the end of the school year. Please remind students to bring their canteen cards, bus passes and door keys if they are leaving their blazers at home. If students wish to wear anything on top of their shirt, it should be a blazer; a coat cannot be worn instead of a blazer.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. I hope you and your families have the opportunity to spend time together over the half term break.

Best wishes



Hannah Khan
Headteacher