

NEWSLETTER



25.9.20

Autumn term—Week 4

It's been a great week in school with curriculum and writing outcomes being produced to a high standard. After settling into school, we are now looking to completing some low stakes assessments to help us set work with just the right level of challenge for the pupils. Any assessments in school are always managed in such a way which reduced stress and worry - they are not 'tests' with a pass or fail, but instead a tool used to help our learning.

Mr Martin

Parents Evening

You will have received an e-mail from school this week to book on for Parents Evening, which we will be hosting via MS Teams. Teachers will use MS Teams to call parents at their allotted time using the children's logins. The logins should have come home via the children over the past week or so, but if you cannot login from home, please e-mail into the year group e-mails (yearX@brindleyacademy.com). Should we have any technical difficulties in reaching you, we will arrange a further meeting via e-mail. **Please note—meetings are strictly 10 minutes in length. Further appointments can be made if needed.**



Parents
Evening

E-safety

We have had a rise in the number of online incidents which have been reported to school. Managing technology with children can be difficult, however, the legal age rating for WhatsApp is **16**. Please also see an explanation about content seen in different age ratings for games.

Parking

Unfortunately, this week we had an incident outside school which highlighted the busy roads around Potter's Cross. Luckily, everyone is ok, but we would like to take this opportunity to ask parents to use the KCSA parking facility where possible and to park considerately, keeping in mind families crossing the roads around school.

PEGI ratings: explained

3
www.pegi.info

Game is considered suitable for all ages. Comical violence.

7
www.pegi.info

May contain some frightening scenes. Violence is unrealistic and directed towards fantasy characters.

12
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Slightly more realistic violence. Mild language used by characters. Sexual posturing and innuendo feature.

16
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Violence towards human characters, including death. Sexual activity within game, but no visible nudity. Use of alcohol, drugs and tobacco by characters.

18
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Adult classification. Violence, death and destruction within game. Characters may glamourise drugs, alcohol and crime and use expletives throughout.



COVID Update

Masks:

We would ask parents coming onto site to wear masks during drop off and collection where possible to enhance social distancing measures in light of this week's announcements in the news linked to both the national rise in cases, but also in the local area.

Visitors in school:

Since reopening school, we have slowly begun to welcome key visitors into school, which include support for pupils with additional needs, children's services and colleagues from the MAT central team (e.g IT support team/ leadership).

Bearing this in mind, I would like to outline the safety measures in school:

- Visitors into school only access designated areas in school.
- Where visitors are not working directly with children, they remain socially distant washing hands/ using sanitiser between bubbles and wiping down surfaces afterwards.
- Should visitors enter classrooms with children, they remain socially distant and in classrooms for a brief time—15 minutes at a maximum unless wearing PPE.
- Any meetings with staff are socially distant in areas away from children.
- Visitors in school are offered PPE and when working closely with a child, this is expected. Masks are not needed if visitors are not coming into close contact with children.
- School has a track and trace register for close contact of any staff or visitors with children which is completed

One way system: CHANGE

Following parental feedback, we will change the one way system around school to avoid the cars, coaches and Kinver High students at the end of the day.

From **MONDAY**, please **enter via the car park** gate and **exit by the Potters Cross Gate**.

This will also hopefully help with travelling to and from Foley. Although we cannot change the start and finish times, we are open to any suggestions or feedback you have.