

The Key Education Centre Weekly Newsletter

Week Commencing 22nd June 2020

Updates:

Can you believe that it is only 4 weeks until the end of the academic year? It is strange to think that almost half of the academic year has been affected by Covid-19 and that it has been 3 months since we have seen many of you. Like you, we rely on the daily briefings for updates about what September will look like. Despite rumours in the media, there is no confirmation about what the plans are, but we are ever hopeful that we will be able to return and that some level of normality will return. We will keep you updated with any changes or plans as soon as possible.

Key School continues for those pupils entitled to provision under the government guidance. If you are eligible to attend and would like to return, do contact the welfare team.

The 'New Normal'

Last week we welcomed some of our Year 10 pupils back in to the centre on their individual pupil inductions. It was really lovely to see them and we hope that they found their return to the centre to be a positive experience.

With 4 weeks before the summer holidays, we are hoping to arrange a chance to catch with individual pupils from all year groups so they have a chance to reconnect with us.

We continue to operate using the guidance provided by the government and continually revisit our risk assessment to ensure compliance. In addition, we have also revisited our behaviour policy and included an addendum regarding Covid-19.

Supporting research into Covid-19

If you haven't already please consider downloading this app and doing a daily report.....even if you have NO symptoms. It takes literally seconds to do.

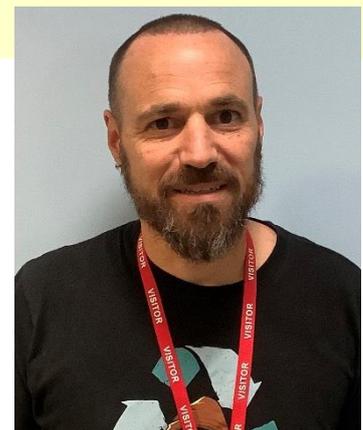
<https://covid.joinzoe.com/>

Introducing RJ

My name is RJ and I will be in school every Wednesday from now on, so you can expect to see me round. I work for The Willow Team, and we try to help children who would like to change to have a better future.

I am NOT your parents/family, I am NOT school, I am NOT a Social Worker and I am NOT the police, but I can help you navigate your difficulties in all these areas. I am hoping to work with those of you who are getting in trouble with drugs, the police, at home, in the community and at school, or all of the above!

As Dave says in his song *Question Time*, "Small steps are way better than no steps". Just maybe I can help some of you take some small steps to being who you really want to be!



The Key Education Centre

You might have noticed that the 'lockdown' has provided us with the opportunity to re-think our logo, set up our Facebook page and work on our new website (to be revealed soon). We feel it is really important for pupils, parents/carers and staff that the wider community see the brilliant work that takes place at The Key and we feel that these little steps will go a long way to supporting this.

Coming soon...

The Gosport curriculum offer is expanding in September. We are offering more subjects and opportunities to obtain more qualifications at both Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4. Our new subjects include Entry Level and GCSE geography and history and Humanities at KS3. We also have NCFE Cache in Caring for Children, ABC in Motor Mechanics, Entry Level and V Cert in PE. Staff are very excited to be planning and preparing new subjects but most of all, for the opportunities it will give our pupils in life after The Key.



Free School Meals

Whether you are a football fan or not, it was amazing to see the impact that the power of football can have. Last week saw Manchester United Footballer Marcus Rashford launch a social media campaign and write a letter to Boris Johnson highlighting his concerns around the risk of food insecurity for many families over the summer holidays. This undoubtedly led to the U-turn in government policy and ensured that free school meal vouchers would continue over the summer!

We are currently finalising the plans for how the free school meals will be arranged over the summer, and will share more information in due course.

If you have recently become entitled to free school meals, please make sure you apply online as soon as possible. Follow the link below:

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/hants>

STAFFING UPDATES...

Over the course of the 'lockdown', we have held interviews (via Zoom) for new staff members on both sites and a number of new staff also joined us after the 'Easter Holidays'

Introducing...

Havant:

Helen Adams – Head of Core Curriculum

Vicky Smith – Transition and Outreach Lead

Neil Williams – Assistant Head Teacher: Pedagogy, Curriculum and Progress

Mark Bourne – Maths teacher

Suzanne Flewitt – Science teacher

Faye Ansell – History and English teacher

Peta Rogers – Intervention Support Assistant

Phil Hughes – Learning Support Assistant

Gosport:

Kayleigh Hays – Receptionist

Briony Beviss – Media and English



Remote Learning Update

Work Packs

With the move to our Online Learning Platform we will now begin to reduce the number of physical work packs being distributed. Please contact us if you do not have access to the Online Learning.

Online Learning: G Suite for Education

After weeks of hard work and a steep learning curve for some of our teachers who live by the mantra 'turn it off and back on again' when something goes wrong, the G-Suite is almost ready to go!

We have had lots of parents/carers respond to our request for consent so a number of pupils have now received their log on details and have been exploring some of the material that has already been uploaded.

If for some reason you have not received communications regarding the consent for G-Suite, please contact IT@thekey.hants.sch.uk or let the welfare team know during your welfare call and they will let the relevant staff member know and we will be in touch.



Oak National Academy

Don't forget that the Oak National Academy is a free resource created by the government full of high-quality lessons and online resources. This resource has material for all ages so might also be useful for parents who are home-schooling pupils in Primary school.

The online classroom offers free access to great teachers, delivering video lessons, quizzes and worksheets. Available for both primary and secondary levels, it covers a range of subjects. All of the lessons are ordered so your child can learn along a clear plan. They provide new lessons and resources each week.

Oak National Academy will fit alongside other resources such as BBC Bitesize to offer a structure for the day for children until schools fully reopen

Visit: <https://www.thenational.academy>

Keeping Fit!

This week's workout for you:

Jump squat

Shoulder taps

Reverse lunge

Jump up and touch the ground

Diamond sit up (google it)

Walkout + 4 mountain climbers

Challenge – Send us in a workout routine and we will make Shannen or Scott give it a go! Do your worst!

30, 20, 10

Do each exercise 30 times, then 20, then 10...

Then eat cake!



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Other Updates and Information

Reminders and Next Steps

Please contact adminoffice@thekey.hants.sch.uk if your circumstances change and you believe you are entitled to provision under the government criteria or if you would like to discuss your Year 10 pupil returning to the centre from the 15th June.

Welfare Checks

Welfare checks resume as part of our normal safeguarding responsibilities; all pupils/parents should receive a welfare call from one of our welfare team. The team includes:

GOSPORT

- * Kirsti Spice – Home School Link
- * Jane Hiscock – Pastoral Support

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- * Kerry Loader – Home School Link
- *Kirsty Regan – Pastoral Support

NEVER ALONE

- NSPCC: 0808 800 5000 (24hrs)
- National Domestic Abuse Helpline: 0808 2000 247 (24hrs free)
- Mind: 0300 123 3393 (Mon-Fri 9-6)
- Victim Support: 0808 168 9111 (24hrs)
- Cruse Bereavement: 0800 808 1677 (Mon-Fri 9-5)
- ChildLine: 0800 1111 (24hrs)
- Action on Elder Abuse: 0808 808 8141 (Mon-Fri 9-5)
- Respect - Men's Advice Line: 0808 801 0327 (Mon-Fri 9-5 or 8pm)
- Samaritans: 116 123 (24hrs free)
- National Centre for Domestic Violence: 0207 186 8270

Financial Advice

We don't profess to be experts but are keen to give support and advice where we can to support families during this time.

Our welfare team have been given some information about useful sites that you can use

Helpful Addresses

Citizens Advice -<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk>

Department of work and pensions-
<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-work-pensions>

Step Change debt advice charity -
<https://www.stepchange.org>

Read all about it...



Have you visited our Facebook Page yet?

Our Facebook page is the most reliable source of up to date information about the centres and any updates will be published there.

<https://www.facebook.com/thekeyeducationcentre/>



Please stay safe, stay home where you can and please remember that the school are here to support you should you need us. Please contact us via adminoffice@thekey.hants.sch.uk