



Thursday 17th March 2022

Dear Parents / Carers

Since September 2020, as a result of the Covid 19 Pandemic, the school moved to a 'School Within a School' model, where pupils were taught in their own year group areas and movement around the school was massively restricted.

This meant that when pupils left one class they were often taught in a class next door or just down the corridor and areas became year areas rather than subject areas. This led to some real benefits such as much less movement, less issues with corridor behaviour and pupils 'owning' their own yard.

We have now reached a point where we are able to move back to 'Faculties' where subjects are once again taught in their own areas and pupils move to those areas at various points during the school day. This has obvious benefits in that, for instance, English teachers will be once again teaching next to colleagues and staff will once again 'own' their own room. Classrooms will once again become English or Maths Classrooms and displays can reflect this.

But we need pupils to move around the school in an orderly fashion. This is crucial otherwise the significant improvements we have made, as evidenced by Ofsted, will take a backwards step. We cannot as a school community allow this to happen. We seek your support in making the message clear to pupils as they return to moving around the school that:

- Pupils must move sensibly, quietly and maturely
- They must walk on the left of the corridor
- They must, when directed, move promptly to lessons and not dawdle or ask to use the toilet between breaks (teaching staff will have the discretion to allow a toilet run from lessons)
- They must have a planner and a timetable and they must know where it is they are heading to each lesson.

Pupils found in places of the school where they do not belong will be dealt with extremely robustly. Pupils must move quickly and quietly to their lessons when teaching staff direct them to do so. We will have every available member of staff on duty between lesson changeovers to ensure this movement takes place sensibly and smoothly.

This is a big change for all pupils, but in particular year 7 and Year 8 who have never known movement around the school in such a manner, as such we expect and demand pupils rise to the occasion and move with maturity and purpose.

We need your help in supporting this should any issues arise over the next few weeks.

Time and time again though Kenton School pupils have shown they can rise to any challenge and this change is crucial as we seek to improve the school further.

Kind Regards

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