



**Believe
to Achieve**



20th July 2021

Dear Parents / Carers

What a strange year this has been. I have never experienced anything like this and I am hoping, never again! What it has done for all of us is given us time to self-reflect, rekindle kindness and appreciate human spirit. We must continue to learn from this whole experience in order to move forward.

I am excited to think that our school will be returning in September to the new 'normal' (hopefully no bubbles, no isolations for all pupils) in essence greater opportunities for your pupils to progress and shine again.

As ever the end of term brings about change and we have a number of staff to say goodbye to. Mrs Sharma and Mrs Costins are both going to enjoy time with family after deciding to retire. Both staff have dedicated over 25 years to Kates Hill and they will be sadly missed.

Mrs Laming our SENCO is taking some time to focus on family and Miss Roberts and Mrs Bevan (both TAs) are leaving. I am pleased to say Mr Waterfield who most you know will be the SENCO from September. In addition, we have two staff off on maternity Mrs Baldwin and Miss Davies, we continue to wish them well and look forward to their return.

We have two new staff joining us in September. Mrs Basra who will be 2B and Miss Miller who will be 3D. I am sure you will welcome them into our Kates Hill Community.

Kates Hill will look very different from September. We will benefit from a state of the Art Trim Trail, Sensory Garden, Bug Hotel and Science Observation Galleries to fully experience nature and support pupil learning.

You will also see brand new sports equipment; netball posts, new football and cricket nets and table tennis tables. Pupils have already started using our active wall (positioned by the year 1 and 2 classrooms) which helps with fitness, hand eye coordination and is such good fun.

In order to support your child's learning in school KS1 will benefit from 30 new ipads to enhance research opportunities, alongside brand new resources for phonics. Our school toilets also remain a priority and I am hoping for this project to be done in the near future.

I would also like to share that our Year 6 results continue to improve, with the best set of standards for years. In school-based tests they all did remarkably well and have demonstrated that they are

now ready to move to the next stage in their education journey – well done, you have all been amazing.

We will see you all on Monday 6th September at 8.45 am.

The school day returns to **8.45 – 3.15 for ALL year groups.**

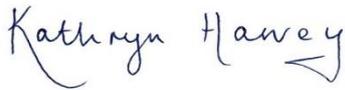
Entrances	Years 1 / 2 / 5	Main School Gate
	Years 3 / 4	Side Gate Entrance
	Year 6	School Side Entrance (close to the office)
	Reception/Nursery	Normal entrances on Owen Street

Can I ask that we continue to only have year 1 and 2 parents attend the school site from now on please to reduce movement and help with all times going back to normal.

I am pleased to tell you that breakfast club will start again in September along with After School Clubs every evening. Please contact us on info@kates-hill.dudley.sch.uk if you would like more details.

All that remains is for me to say thank you for your support and understanding throughout a challenging year. I wish you all a happy Summer holiday, please be careful and stay safe. I look forward to September and another fabulous academic year ahead of us.

Kind regards



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