



Friday 28th January 2022

Dear parents,

I am writing to you at the end of another week, with my usual round up of news and information. I hope you have all had pleasant weeks. Apparently we may have some snow next week. We will keep in touch with information about the schools if we do !

### Covid procedures

From yesterday - 27th January- staff are no longer required to wear face masks in communal areas in school, although some may choose to continue which is fine. Staff are able to eat their lunch in the staff room. Apart from this, most other things remain the same. Parents are still requested to only come into the school building if you have an appointment. All school offices, and heads can be contacted by phone and email.

If any pupil or member of staff tests positive for covid, they are required to isolate for at least 5 days. Pupils can return to school on day 6 if they have had two negative tests, 24 hours apart.

### Year 5 and 6 after school online learning

Thank you to those children who registered and attended the after school online learning sessions, with the Invicta academy. Below is the information again for all those who would like to take advantage of this opportunity.

Dear Parent,

This is a quick reminder to register your child to take part in an exciting, virtual maths and English Home Study Support pilot on Tuesdays and Thursdays until 10th February. The timetable for these sessions is below, but pupils are also encouraged to bring with them any maths or English questions they are stuck on which our live teachers can help them answer.

The Home Study Support sessions are entirely voluntary and your child can attend as many sessions as he/she wishes using the zoom link provided. This is a valuable chance for students who want to get ready for the 11+ to get extra support, so use the link below to register your child and make the most of this opportunity!

[Click Here to Register](#)

### **Virtual Homework Study Support timetable - Tuesday to Thursday:**

25th January, 5pm - 6pm	Maths	Units of measure
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25th January, 6pm - 7pm	English	Synonyms/antonyms
27th January, 5pm - 6pm	Maths	Fractions, decimals, percentages
27th January, 6pm - 7pm	English	Prefix/suffix
1st February, 5pm - 6pm	Maths	Multiplication of fractions
1st February, 6pm - 7pm	English	Use of commas
3rd February, 5pm - 6pm	Maths	Types of numbers (square/cube/prime)
3rd February, 6pm - 7pm	English	Inference
8th February, 5pm - 6pm	Maths	Ratio & proportion
8th February, 6pm - 7pm	English	Punctuation
10th February, 5pm - 6pm	Maths	Area and perimeter
10th February, 6pm - 7pm	English	Tenses

Invicta National Academy was born out of the 'educational vacuum' caused by covid-19. With two teaching professionals in every class, Invicta National Academy, provides one of the best, virtual teaching models currently available and we are delighted to be able to offer this extra "state of the art" teaching this half-term. For more information do visit their website at [www.invictaacademy.com](http://www.invictaacademy.com).

We hope you will encourage your children to take advantage of this exciting new opportunity,

#### RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch weekend

Just a reminder that the bird watching weekend is this weekend. I previously provided information regarding this - here is a reminder.

**Big Garden Birdwatch long weekend is here! There's still time to sign-up and take part. Just spend one hour between Friday 28 and Sunday 30 January counting the birds, and help monitor how birds are faring. It's free, fun, and a great way to keep an eye on your local wildlife. Wherever you are, whatever you see, it counts!**

Here is the link to sign up, if you want to be part of the experience:

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/birdwatch-take-part/>

#### Kent school improvement Service

Aspire has a school improvement advisor who is provided by KCC. He has visited the schools several times this term, and has been working with subject leaders to ensure that the curriculum being taught to our pupils is in line with expectations. So far he has worked with leaders for science, PSHCE, maths, English, MFL and one of our SENCOs. Next week he is visiting Kingswood to look at RE and history. This

work is valuable to leaders and staff as it enables us to identify strengths and next steps in terms of our curriculum provision.

If you have any queries about any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at [exechead@aspire-kent.org.uk](mailto:exechead@aspire-kent.org.uk)

Wishing you all pleasant family weekends,

Kind regards,

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