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Covid 19 & the Easter Holidays

To help support public health, there are two things that are being asked of families during the Easter holiday:

- Continue Home Testing Twice Per Week
 Please do ensure your child has enough home covid tests to get through the Easter holidays. Let us know if you need some more
- Alert us if your child tests positive
 If your child tests positive for Covid 19 during the Easter holiday, please do email jcainfo@clf.uk.

For the first 6 days of the Easter holidays, staff will be checking jcainfo@clf.uk at 9am daily. If we are notified of a positive, case we will need to trace close contacts within school and may email you to advise you that you child has to self-isolate.

Ramadan

Ramadan begins on the evening of Monday 12th April and finishes with the religious celebration of Eid ul Fitr on 13th May. Ramadan is the month of fasting when Muslims give up eating and drinking during the day. It is also a time when they pray and think of those less fortunate than themselves.

To support our Muslim students, whilst also keeping in place all of our covid risk mitigations (for example bubbles), we have two prayer rooms available to them at lunch time and after school. They are in CG3 (available to years 7, 9 and 11) and the 'old cafe' at the end of the street, available to years 8 & 10. Our staff, especially PE staff, are aware that students may be fasting and will support them appropriately.

If families wish to celebrate Eid together, students can have a day's authorised absence from school. Please do let us know in advance if you wish that for your child(ren).







Changes to the Test and Trace support payment for parents

Parents and carers of children who have been advised to self-isolate by their education setting or by NHS Test and Trace are now able to apply for a <u>Test and Trace Support Payment</u> or discretionary payment of £500, if they meet the eligibility criteria. The extension of the Test and Trace Support Payment scheme, which is administered by district and unitary local authorities in England, ensures that parents receive the financial support they need if they are unable to attend work due to childcare responsibilities.

Parents and carers should apply to their local authority to receive a payment. Applications for the Test and Trace Support Payment scheme are made via the **local authority** in which the **parent or carer resides**, not the local authority where the setting is situated, if these are different.

To be eligible applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- they are the parent or guardian of a child or young person in the same household and need to take time off work to care for them while they self-isolate. This is limited to one parent or guardian per household for the child or young person's self-isolation period
- they are employed or self-employed
- they cannot work from home while undertaking caring responsibilities and will lose income as a result
- they meet all the other means-tested eligibility criteria for a Test and Trace Support Payment or locally determined criteria for a discretionary payment

That their child or young person:

is aged 15 or under (or 25 or under with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHC)) and normally attends an education or childcare setting







has been told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace or by their education or childcare setting because they have been identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19)

The school is required to provide a letter to all parents or carers of the children advised to self-isolate, to support their application to the Test and Trace Support Payment scheme.

Families should advise the school if they are going to apply for this scheme at JCAinfo@clf.uk.

Holiday activities and food programme

Please find a leaflet detailing all the Easter Holiday Activities and Food Programmes (HAF programmes) operating across South Gloucestershire this holiday here.



The schemes are all free for children eligible for FSM, but there are also options to pay on some of the schemes.







Free Easter Play Scheme

Please find the booking form for Four Towns Play Association here.



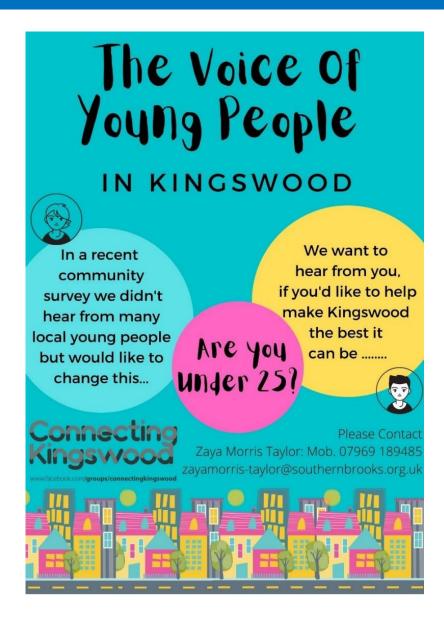
The Voice of Young People in Kingswood?

Are you, or do you know anyone that lives in Kingswood who is 14 - 25 years old and might like to be involved in a community conversation about trying to make Kingswood the best place it can be? If so, I would love to hear from you.









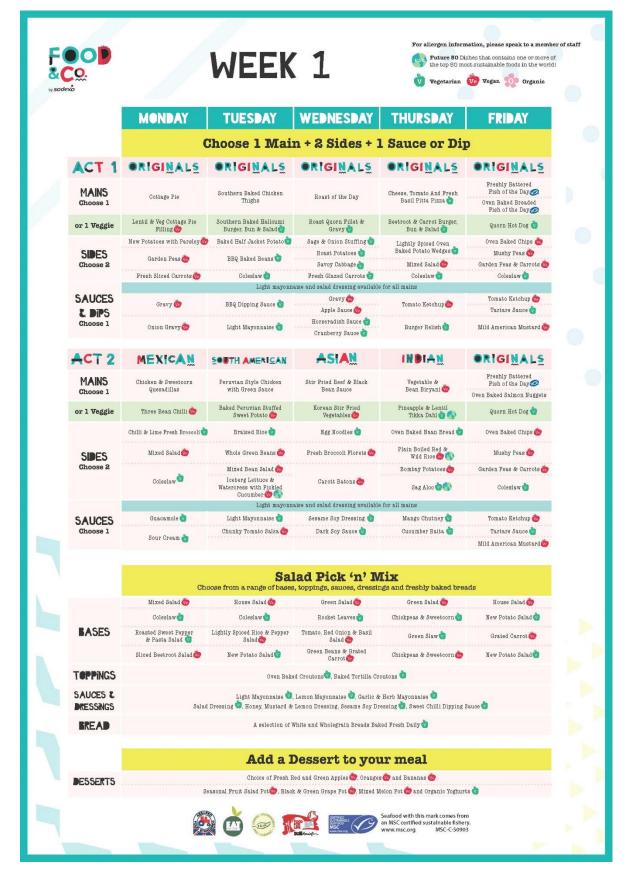
JCA weekly canteen menus

As of 1 April, the JCA canteen will have new weekly menus. The salad bar will not be in use as before as there is still too much risk of cross contamination of Covid. There will however be small pots of salads.

























Empire Fighting Chance: Streetwise with Money







Finance

SCOPAY - Online Payment System - Preferred Method of Payment

SCOPAY is our preferred method of payment for all transactions when making payments to the academy.

This system allows you to make payments for trips, events, music tuition and learning resources plus your child's school lunch account can also be topped up using this system. The system can be used on a desktop computer or you can download the App to use on your mobile phone or tablet meaning that you can access your account at any time.

If you have not already received a link code or require an additional link code(s) to enable another Parent/Carer to also set up a SCOPAY account and make payments for your child(ren), please send an email to JCAFinance@clf.uk

SCOPAY - Payments for School Lunches

Please remember to check if your child's School Lunch account requires topping up with funds to enable them to purchase food from the canteen.

If you would like to set up alerts so that you will know when their balance is getting low and requires topping up, please go to the John Cabot Academy website - Our Academy - Canteen and Online Payments, where you will find the 'SCOPAY Parent Guide - Alerts' at the bottom of the page to help you.

Alternatively, you can copy and paste the following to your browser: - https://johncabotacademy.clf.uk/our-academy/canteen-and-online-payments/

There are two further SCOPAY Parents Guides, one for Managing Your Account and another for Making Payments, that you may also find useful on this page.

Purchase of School Ties

The option to purchase a school tie for £6.00 via SCOPAY is available for every student and SCOPAY continues to be our preferred method of payment. If your child has lost their tie, you can purchase a replacement via your SCOPAY account, and it will be available for collection by your child the following morning.







Alternatively, for ties only, a cash payment can be accepted – please send your correct payment of £6.00 in an envelope with their full name, year group and tutor group detailed. Please ask your child to collect their tie from the Finance Office.

The Finance Office is open to students every day before school and during break time.

Purchase of Calculators

The option to purchase a calculator from the academy continues to be available to all students via SCOPAY.

If you wish to purchase a calculator for your child, there are two types available and currently in stock: -

- Casio ClassWiz FX991EX Scientific Calculator @ £19.50 each, or
- Casio FX83GT Scientific Calculator @ £8.50 each

When you have made your SCOPAY purchase, your child will be able to collect their calculator from the Finance Office. The Finance Office is open to students every day before school and during break time.

Purchase of Memory Cards for GCSE Photography

The option to purchase memory cards from the Academy continues to be available on SCOPAY for all GCSE Photography students.

There are currently two types in stock:-

- HAMA 16GB SDHC Card @ £5.50 each, or
- HAMA 4GB SDHC Card @ £4.00 each

When you have made your SCOPAY purchase, your child will be able to collect their memory card from the Finance Office. The Finance Office is open to students every day before school and during break time.

SCOPAY - Link to Login Page

You can find a link to the SCOPAY Login Page if you go to the John Cabot Academy website - Our Academy - Canteen and Online Payments.

Alternatively, you can copy and paste the following to your browser: - https://www.scopay.com/john-cabot-ac

Finance Queries

If you have any finance queries, please contact the Finance Office by emailing JCAFinance@clf.uk

