

Dear Parents and Carers,

All students have had a good start to the year and have been engaging in their learning. Now that the weather is starting to improve we are able to be outside more and students are enjoying a variety of sessions and activities in our playground. We also plan to take students on more trips out into the community with the arrival of warmer weather.

We had a full graded inspection visit from Ofsted last week which went very well. Thank you to those of you that completed questionnaires and / or engaged with the inspectors via phone. We will share the full report with you once it is made available, however early indications are very positive.

Our annual Easter Bonnet parade, held on Thursday, was a lovely occasion where all staff and students showed their bonnets – all created from scratch! It was a wonderful celebration of Spring and Easter with lots of lovely colours and music which everyone enjoyed. We will make some photos available on our website.

School life

We have been working really hard on the three focus areas of our curriculum (academic, therapy and behaviour) with a view to combining these seamlessly. We are now really embedding the Equals Formal and Semi-Formal schemes of work and can already see how beneficial these are. Progress is being monitored closely to ensure the best outcomes for all students.

Staff news

We are very pleased our new Caretaker has started this week. Sean has joined us from another school and is busily learning the ropes at Kite Ridge. Whilst he will not be here at the same time as the students, the work he does out of school hours is vital in ensuring the safety, and the smooth running, of our site.

Dates for your diary

School closes to students for the Easter break on Friday 4th April. We will welcome students back to school on Tuesday 22nd April.

As per our email of 17th March, school will be closed on Thursday 1st May as it is being used as a polling station. As mentioned, please could we ask that taxis are notified and any arrangements that need to be made around respite are directed to the appropriate setting.

A reminder that our term dates for this year, and next, can be found on our website.

I hope you all have a pleasant and restful Easter break.

With best wishes,

Steven Sneesby

Headteacher