



Dear parents and carers,

We have had a lovely first week with the children in school. The children have settled well and really enjoyed this week.

SCHOOL MEALS

To ensure that we have sufficient school meals for all children and avoiding too much waste, we will be operating a new system in school.

Any children having a school dinner will have to have school dinners for a whole week.

Children bringing a packed lunch will have to stay packed lunches for the whole week.

On Fridays, teachers will be completing a lunchtime register where children will state what their school meal choice is for the following week:

- bringing a packed lunch from home for the whole week
- having a school dinner for the whole week.

KS2 families who have to pay for meals – please send the dinner money on Fridays for the following week. Money should be in a labelled envelope and it is £2.30 a day totalling £11.50 for the week.



Birthday Reminder



Children can wear their own clothes on their birthday. If their birthday is over a weekend or in a school holiday, children can choose the closest school day.

REMOTE LEARNING WHEN ISOLATING AT HOME

We will be using Seesaw again this year to provide remote learning for any child isolating at home. If your child is isolating, please ensure that they log on to Seesaw every morning to complete the uploaded work. The teachers will date any tasks uploaded, so your child will know which activities to complete each day. Your child's home learning starts the first full day following notification of isolation. On the day you are informed of isolation, children can complete the following tasks:

- Log into Times Tables Rock Stars and practise times tables
- Log into Education City and play a Maths and English game
- Read their reading book and log this on GoRead
- Practice handwriting/phonics
- Research their class topic in History, Geography or Science
- Log on to Seesaw and attempt some of the previous uploaded tasks

On the first morning following the isolation commencing, work will be uploaded every morning and this will need completing by the end of that day. This will ensure that they do not miss any learning and it will be monitored by their class teacher.

WHAT HAPPENS IF A PUPIL TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19?

When a pupil has tested positive for COVID-19 and has been in school within the previous 48 hours, we will ask all children in that year group to get tested at a test centre. Children will not need to isolate unless they have COVID-19 classic symptoms or themselves receive a positive test result.

Below is a list of questions we think parents/carers may have.

Questions you may have under the new process for positive cases

Q) DOES MY CHILD NEED TO ISOLATE?

No, as long as they are well, your child can still attend school.

Q) CAN I STILL GO TO WORK?

Yes, you can still attend work.

Q) CAN I BOOK A TEST FOR MY CHILD DURING THE SCHOOL DAY?

Yes, we would like you to book the test for as soon as possible.

Q) CAN I COLLECT MY CHILD TO TAKE THEM TO A TEST CENTRE?

Yes, as with all appointments, please show the office confirmation of your PCR test booking.

Q) CAN I COLLECT MY OTHER CHILDREN?

No, unless your test is close to home time. We will need to see confirmation of your appointment time.

Q) I WANT MY CHILD TO STAY AT HOME AND ISOLATE – CAN I?

No, all children are expected to attend school unless they are unwell themselves.

Q) DOES ANYONE ELSE IN MY HOUSEHOLD NEED TO GET TESTED?

No, unless you wish to get tested yourself to be on the safe side.

Q) WHAT HAPPENS IF MY CHILD DEVELOPS SYMPTOMS?

As always, anyone who feels unwell are best to get tested.

Q) DO I NEED TO SHARE THE TEST RESULT WITH YOU?

We would appreciate you sharing all test results with us – positive or negative. Please send a screen shot to our email info@pinfold-st.walsall.sch.uk

This information is directly from Walsall Public Health Team

From 16 August 2021, if you are identified as a close contact of a positive case by NHS Test and Trace, you will be exempt from the requirement to self-isolate if;

- you are under 18 and 6 months or
- were fully vaccinated at the point when you last had close contact with the positive case.

Individuals will instead be advised to take a PCR test as soon as possible. Children aged 4 and under will not be advised to take a test unless the positive case was someone in their own household

- **There is no requirement to self-isolate** but individuals are advised to in addition to taking a PCR test, to consider the following;
 - limiting close contact with other people outside your household, especially in enclosed spaces
 - wearing a face covering in enclosed spaces and where you are unable to maintain social distancing (Over the age of 11)
 - limiting contact with anyone who is clinically extremely vulnerable
 - continuing to take part in regular asymptomatic testing
- **Pupils should continue to attend school as normal.** They do not need to wear a face covering within the school, but it is expected and recommended that these are worn when travelling on public or dedicated transport.
- **Anyone who tests positive will still need to self-isolate regardless of their age or vaccination status – a legal duty will still be in place.**
- Individuals should also continue to self-isolate immediately if they show COVID-19 symptoms.

More information can be found in [Guidance for contacts of people with confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection who do not live with the person - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)