

Dear parents and carers

URGENT COVID UPDATE

Since returning to school in September, the COVID cases in Walsall have been rising significantly. The number of positive cases in school are increasing too. In Walsall, the rate of infections in children aged between 10-19 is 1,100 per 100,000.

This is then leading to an increase in positive cases amongst families and staff in school. We DO NOT want another lockdown situation – so our Pinfold community MUST work together.

Following guidance from Headteachers' weekly meetings with Public Health, we need to INSIST that the following things happen:

1) Arrive at school for collection NO EARLIER than 3:10pm. The gates will not open until 3:15 at the earliest.

2) SEPARATE ENTRANCES at home time

To collect **Reception children** – gate that leads to the school office, please come after 3:10pm.

To collect children in **Y1 and Y2** – come after 3:10pm through the Emergency Gate entrance on Moxley Road. The gates will open at 3:15pm

To collect children in **Y3, 4, 5 and 6** – come through the usual Pinfold Street Extension gate. This gate will be open at 3:20pm.

3) Wear FACE COVERINGS.

4) Allow space between yourselves and other families.

Bringing children to school in the mornings will stay the same – all enter through the Pinfold gates.