

Dear parents

We hope that you and your families have had a restful and safe summer holiday. We are really looking forward to welcoming all our children back to school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September to begin the new school year.

If your child is unwell, please get a PCR test before bringing them to school.

#### THE SCHOOL DAY

- School gates will be open at 8:45am and close at 9:00am for the start of the school day.
- One way systems when dropping off and collecting children.
- School gates will be open at 3:15pm for all families to enter and collect their children. Gates will close at 3:25pm.

#### COVID PLANS

Following a Headteacher meeting with Public Health yesterday, this is the new guidance for COVID-19 in primary schools:

- Pupils showing 1 or more of the 3 main classic COVID-19 symptoms must not attend school and isolate and book a PCR test (at a test centre) by calling 119 or booking online through NHS online booking.
- Pupils who develop 1 or more of the 3 main COVID-19 symptoms must be collected immediately from Scallywags and you must organise a PCR test (at a test centre).
- Pupils can only return to school when the negative test results have been seen.

#### Additional new guidance

- Some people who test positive for COVID do not always have 1 of the 3 main classic COVID-19 symptoms. Walsall Public Health have identified that people are showing other symptoms for COVID-19.
- Although these symptoms are not classic symptoms, Public Health are strongly advising people to book a PCR test (at a test centre). This is to help protect our community.
- You can register for a PCR test at a local testing centre online at [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus) and tick the box that says your local authority asked you to take a test. Or you can call 119 and say the same thing to book a test. You can also choose to have PCR test delivered to your home.

#### Measures in school to protect our community

- One-way system
- Ensure good hygiene for everyone – **handwashing routines**
- Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes – **these will continue**
- Keep occupied spaces well ventilated – **open windows**
- Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.

## P.E Days

On P.E days, children will still arrive at school in their P.E kits. These are the days children will need their kits:

Year 1 Wednesday and Friday

Year 2 Thursday

Year 3 Wednesday

Year 4 Monday

Year 5 Tuesday

Year 6 Thursday

## WHAT TO HAVE READY

School Uniform – all children will need to **wear their Pinfold Street school uniform** when they return. Here is a reminder of our uniform colours.

	<u>Boys</u>		<u>Girls</u>
Trousers	Grey/Black	Skirt/Tunic	Grey/black
Pullover/Sweatshirt	Navy Blue	Cardigan/Sweatshirt	Navy Blue
Polo Shirt	White	Polo shirt	White
		Summer	Blue/white checked dress

**Art lessons: Please send your child with an old oversized top to wear during lessons so that their uniform does not get messy (e.g. a parent's old top). This top will stay at school in the lockers.**

## SWIMMING

**This term Y5 and Y6 will go swimming at Wednesbury baths. Please ensure your child has their swimming kit. Lessons start on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September.**

### **Children must bring:**

- inhaler (if needed)
- a refillable drinks bottle as we cannot provide cups or drinking fountains.
- a **healthy snack** for morning break
- lunchbox (if needed)
- school book bag or small rucksack (larger rucksacks will not be allowed, please do not purchase one)

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. See you all Monday morning.

Pinfold Street Primary School staff

## **REMINDERS**

**PINFOLD STREET EXTENSION – please remember that you CANNOT access this road between 8:00am and 9:30am and 2:30pm and 4:00pm unless you are a permit holder.**

**Offenders will be fined by the traffic management team.**

School dates for next year:

### **DATES FOR PUPILS 2021-22**

Autumn 1	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> September to Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October (INSET 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> September)
Autumn 2	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November to Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December
Spring 1	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January to Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February
Spring 2	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April
Summer 1	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April to Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May
Summer 2	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June to Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July (Monday is bank holiday for staff for the Queen's Jubilee)

**3 more INSET days to be confirmed**