



Pinfold Street
Primary School



Newsletter 16th October 2020

Reminder: we break up on Friday 23rd October and return on Monday 2nd November.

Parents' Evening Plans

With the current covid restrictions, we cannot hold our usual appointments in school. We have decided the best way to communicate with you is through providing a short report. The report will explain how your child has settled back into school life and additional comments related to learning and wellbeing. The short reports will be sent out on 18th November.



Free School Meals (FSM)

If anyone who receives 'free school meals' has to self isolate, we can now provide a food hamper to support whilst you are at home. This isn't part of the Universal FSM where every child in Reception, Y1 and Y2 are entitled to a meal in school, this is if you would qualify for FSM for the whole time your child is in school.

Please see our website for details on how to apply, in the Pupil Premium section.



For the last year we have subscribed to Votes for Schools—it is an award winning program that gives our children a voice on issues that affect them the most and is built around the primary National Curriculum. Each week the pupils discuss a topic that is current and then vote for what they believe is right. Each week from now we will be sharing the outcomes from the votes and what the next topic up for discussion

is. You can see how good they are on Twitter @votesforschools. Attached to this email is the voting results from this week and the title of next week's topic.

Health & Safety

Yesterday, we had a visit from an inspector from the National Health and Safety Executive. The aim of the visit was to check that our school is a 'covid-secure site'.

The inspector looked at our risk assessment (which is on the school website) and asked a lot of questions, including:

- **How do parents and children arrive and leave school?**
- **How do we ensure that our bubbles do not mix?**
- **What measures are in place to protect our staff?**
- **What processes are in place for cleaning regularly touched points in school?**

I am pleased to share with you that the visit went well and we have all the correct procedures in place.



Coronavirus Update

Tier 2 High Alert

Due to rapidly rising cases of coronavirus in Walsall, we have now moved to Tier 2 High Alert.

What does this mean for people living in Walsall?

You cannot go to another house to socialise.

You cannot meet others to socialise indoors e.g. in a restaurant or pub.

You can meet with others outside, as long as there are only 6 people (The rule of 6)

What does this mean for PINFOLD which is in Walsall?

We would like all families to support each other to keep safe:

- ⇒ Wear a face covering when coming onto the school site.
- ⇒ Only one adult comes to collect your child, do not bring friends or additional adults with you.
- ⇒ Swiftly move off the playground, keeping your children with you.
- ⇒ Follow any guidance given to you either from ourselves or 'Track and Trace'.

Classic Covid

Signs and Symptoms

Any child who displays ONE of the 3 'classic covid symptoms' will be asked to get a test before returning to school.

You **MUST** inform us immediately if you or someone in your family tests positive, including over the weekend by email:

info@pinfold-st.walsall.sch.uk

Following a test, you must phone school to speak to Miss Yates or Mrs Wilkinson to agree a date for your child to return to school.

NHS guidance 'Classic Covid Symptoms'

A high temperature (fever)

This means that you feel hot to touch on your chest or back—you don't need to measure your temperature with a thermometer.

A new continuous cough

This means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual).

A change to your sense of smell or taste

This means you have noticed that you cannot smell or taste anything, or that things smell or taste different to normal.