



Pinehurst Primary School

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Experience, Excel and Enjoy

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to our new school year. Thank you for your patience as we continue to adapt to the current Covid-19 situation.

As we start our new school year you will notice that we are continuing to review the ways we are operating as a school. We are following government guidance and choosing to continue with several controls to minimise the risk of transmission of Covid-19. You can see a full copy of our Covid-19 risk assessment on our website. We will regularly review our risk assessment as any guidance from the government is updated.

Whilst the government have shared updated guidance on isolation requirements and positive news about the impact of the vaccination programme it remains crucially important that our whole school community work together to protect each other.

We will continue to organise our school to keep children in clear and consistent 'bubbles'. This will help us as a school to limit the number of contacts children have with different people whilst still delivering an effective curriculum. The main aim of this is to keep outbreaks to a minimum and ensure the safety and well being of the children, staff and their wider families.

Since the pandemic started in March 2020, each of us will have had different experiences and we ask that everyone in our school community is respectful of each other and their individual feelings. If you are dropping off or picking your child up from school, we ask that you respect other people and continue to observe social distancing if possible. If you are able to continue to wear a mask this is beneficial to your own and others' safety. We ask if it is possible that you walk your child to school to reduce congestion and leave as promptly as possible.

We will be operating with a return to our soft start. Therefore children can be dropped off between 8.40am and 8.55am at the main gate for Years 1 -6 and the EYFS Reception gate for Oak and Ash classes. There are allocated gates for dismissal at the end of the day at 3.10pm for Reception, 3.15pm for KS1 and 3.25pm for KS2. This is vital to ensuring everyone's safety.

Gate	EYFS Reception	Little Pine Cones	Little Acorns	Rear Playground Main Gate	Side Playground Usually for Kitchen access
3.10pm	Reception				
3.15pm			Year 2	Year 1	
3.25pm	Year 6		Year 5	Year 4	Year 3
3.30pm		LPC	LA		

How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you and your children can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards.

We will be encouraging staff and children to follow these steps when in school.



Symptoms of COVID 19

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

At this time, our priority is to welcome all children safely back into school. **Breakfast club bubbles will reopen on Monday 6th September for those children attending in Summer 2021.** If you require a place for Breakfast club and were not previously attending please contact the school office.

At this time, please can children bring a **named water bottle** to school so that they have access to a drink throughout the day. Children **do not require a school bag or pencil case on a daily basis.** There will be a system for changing reading books in each class and a bag will only be required on these days. Children will **be allocated a PE day** and on this day each week they should **attend school in PE kit** and suitable footwear.

PE days Autumn 2021

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year groups	Year 5	Reception	Year 4	Year 3	Year 1
		Year 2		Year 6	
		Year 6			

Lunches will continue to alternate between hot and cold on a daily basis. On Thursday 2nd September the allocations will be:

Year Group	Hot	Cold
1	Elm	Cherry
2	Fir	Yew
3	Cedar	Hazel
4	Holly	Chestnut
5	Maple	Sycamore
6	Birch	Willow

I would like to close by reminding all of us that we have a role to play to ensure that our children and school community remain safe.

In addition to the end of the day, staff are available to speak to you on the telephone, please contact the school office or Ms Wigelsworth if there is anything you need to discuss.

Thank you for your continued support, patience and understanding.

It will be wonderful to have everyone back in school and we are all looking forward to the year ahead.

Yours sincerely

Miss Katy Morris
Headteacher