



# 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 adapt to a new way of working.

As we start our new school year you will notice there are many changes in how we are operating as a school. We are following government guidance and putting in 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 guidance from the government is updated.

Whilst the government have indicated that the prevalence of coronavirus (COVID-19) has decreased the NHS Test and Trace system is up and running is important that our whole school community work together to protect each other.

We have organised 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. We have considered the age of our children and their curriculum needs as well as the logistics of our school site in order to determine the size of our 'bubbles'. Every school will have had to do this, and each school will determine the best way to do this for their school community. Our children will operate in 'year group bubbles' in order for us to manage the start and end of the school day, lunch and break times effectively.

Since the lockdown started in March, 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 comply with social distancing guidance. We ask if it is possible that you walk your child to school to reduce congestion at the school gate and leave as promptly as possible.

We will be operating with staggered start and finish times in order to minimise congestion and prevent 'year group bubbles' interacting. 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
8.40 / 2.55	Reception				
8.40 / 3.00				Year 1	
8.45 / 3.30		LPC	LA		
8.50 / 3.20	Year 6			Year 5	
9.00 / 3.30				Year 4	Year 3
9.05 / 3.25	Year 2				

### 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.

It is important that outside of school we all follow the government guidance around Covid-19, particularly the Stay at Home guidance below and do not bring your child into school.

[www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection)

If you do keep your child off school due to Covid-19 symptoms please ensure that you let us know this when you register your child's absence.

As a school if your child is off school, for a 14 or 7 day period, we will provide school work, so they can keep up their studies.

If your child presents Covid-19 symptoms in school we will take your child to a safe area in school and contact you immediately to pick them up. Please make sure that your emergency contact details are up to date and correct.

If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/> or by phoning 111.

**It is vitally important that anyone who presents with Covid-19 symptoms get tested as soon as possible.**

If someone from within school is confirmed with Covid-19 we will get in touch with the parents and carers of any children who have been in close contact with this person. This is likely to be children from their class and 'year group bubble' or if they have been in close contact through other groups such as after school or breakfast club. These children will be asked to self-isolate for 14 days. Other members of the household **do not** need to self-isolate, unless your child also develops symptoms. Full details and instructions will be provided at the time. We will also send information to our wider school community as a reminder to our families of what actions you can take to reduce the spread of the virus.

At this time, our priority is to welcome all children safely back into school. We would like to gauge the level of need for **after school and breakfast clubs** in the hope these will be able to run from the end of next week. Numbers are strictly limited and working parents will be prioritised. If you are a working parent who requires either or both of these clubs we ask that you email [wraparound@pinehurstgs.co.uk](mailto:wraparound@pinehurstgs.co.uk) by **10.30am on Friday** so that we can confirm our offer. Emailing this address does not guarantee you a place.

At this time, please can children bring a **named water bottle** to school so that they have access to a drink throughout the day. If your child is having a **packed lunch, it is helpful if this is in a disposable bag**. 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.

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

Yours sincerely

Miss Katy Morris  
Headteacher