

# Pilgrims' Way News

Friday 19th June 2020 Term 6

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Dear Parents, Carers, staff and children

I am writing to thank all parents and carers who have sent their children back to school over the past three weeks.

Everyone has been so supportive during such an unusual time and you have really helped us get to grips with the new rules and routines and preparing the children so well for their return to school. The children really have been absolutely amazing and have taken all of the changes in their stride.

As you are aware, following the government's guidelines and our own robust risk assessment, we reopened Pilgrims' Way Primary School on the 1 June to Key Worker & vulnerable pupils, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 with our Nursery reopening on Monday 22 June. Through our risk assessment our Pods are capped at 12 pupils due to the size of classrooms and staff needed to teach them. Our Year 6 Pods are now full (we won't be accepting any further late requests for places) and we have a limited number of spaces in Reception and Year 1 Pods.

The government then acknowledged that schools wouldn't be able to reopen to all other year groups this term due to the space needed to accommodate the Pods and due to staffing levels.

At Pilgrims' Way we would like to see more of our children back in school before the summer break. Please complete the parent survey and tell us if you would definitely like to send your child back to school, full time, for the rest of this term.

From this information, I can then calculate the number of pods we need, how we can staff them and how we can continue to ensure the safety of all our pupils and staff.

Please complete the survey by Friday 19 June and then I will let you know next week of our next step plans for years 2, 3 4 & 5 [Click here to complete the survey.](#)

Please contact through the [welfare@pilgrims-way.kent.sch.uk](mailto:welfare@pilgrims-way.kent.sch.uk) email if you wish to request a place in Year R or Year 1. We need at least 48 hours' notice to give us time to ensure classrooms are safely set up and resourced for the number of pupils coming in.

Key Worker families must continue to use our weekly Google form as usual to book a place. [Click here](#) for the booking form (this is opened each Wednesday and closes at 12pm Friday).

Also, only one person on site to drop off or pick up children to pods. Please do not send groups of children to collect your child.

My staff and I would like to thank you all for your support and positive feedback at this strange time.

Warm regards to you all.

Miss AM Middleton

## St Anselm's Year 5 Taster Day

Dear Parents and Carers,

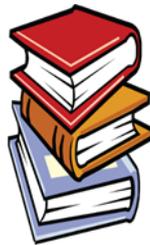
We find ourselves in very different circumstances this year as we collectively fight against Covid 19. Whilst we would usually be holding taster days in June for Year 5 students, this will unfortunately not be happening this year. I am very conscious that I wouldn't want our Year 5 students to miss out on this and to that end we have at St Anselm's put together two videos (one for parents and one for students) that will hopefully give you and your child a taste of St Anselm's whilst also answering some questions that you or your child may have. <https://www.stanselmsscannerbury.org.uk/Year-5-and-6-Transition-Videos/>

In addition to this, there are some activities sheets available on this page that your child might enjoy completing. I do hope that you enjoy it and find it useful and informative.

If there any other questions that you may have then please do not hesitate to contact the school at [admissions@st-anselms.org.uk](mailto:admissions@st-anselms.org.uk)

### Returning School Reading Books

If your child is currently coming into school please can you send back any school reading books (they can bring their siblings in too). We will be collecting them in a box in their pod and making sure they are treated before returning them to the school library.



### Thank you

A massive thank you to all staff, CEO and Chair of Governors who are working so hard to transform the Year R and Year One outside learning area for the children. Thank you very much to Jewsons of Margate who have provided at discount a range of materials to develop our outside area.

### Back To School Video

We have made a short video for you to watch, and share with your children, to explain some of the new school systems in place for those children returning to school. Please visit

<https://youtu.be/mVK8UsNZh4M>

### Outstanding Payments

Please could you ensure any outstanding payments for school dinners, teatime club or breakfast club be paid via the SchoolGateway as soon as possible.

Thank you

### Reporting Your Child's Absence

A polite reminder, if you contact the school to say your child is going to be absent from their pod please give us accurate reasons. Please report your child's absence by 9.30am at the latest by either:

**Phone:** school office (01227 760084)

**email:** [welfare@pilgrims-way.kent.sch.uk](mailto:welfare@pilgrims-way.kent.sch.uk)

**Text:** SchoolGateway

If your child experiences a high temperature, a new continuous cough or loss of taste & smell you must seek advice from 111 and follow their guidance which may include your child needing a Covid test or to isolate for 14 days.

Please keep us fully informed about the outcome so we can support the adults and children safely in their pod.

If your child is persistently absent from their pod, with no reason, then they may lose their place.

Thank you for your co-operation.