



Pilgrims' Way Primary School

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Dear Parents, Carers and children

I hope that you all have had a safe and happy summer.

At Pilgrims' Way, all the staff have been working hard, throughout the summer, preparing for the return of all our children on Thursday 2nd September. We are very excited to see you all.

Start of day arrangements

All children, in Years 1 to 6, must return to school on **Thursday 2nd September**. The front and back gates will be unlocked at 8.40am and locked at 9.00am. To ensure the safety of all children, they must not arrive before 8.40am. Please take your child to their allocated door. Mrs Campbell, Helen and I will be on the playground to help if you are unsure which class your child is in or which door to use.

Late arrivals must go to the main reception.

Class	Teacher	Year group	Entrance door
Nursery	Mrs Bolt	Nursery	Nursery building main entrance
Rabbit	Miss Anecchiarico	Reception	Reception classroom door
Butterfly	Miss Tombs	Year 1	Library door
Penguin	Mrs Read	Year 2	Year 2 classroom door
Hummingbird	Mrs Pursey	Year 3	Year 3 classroom door
Woodpecker	Mrs Webb	Year 4	Eagle classroom door
Eagle	Mr Hawthorne-Nelson	Year 4	Eagle classroom door
Lion	Miss Hillary	Year 5	Original entrance (KS1 playground)
Tiger	Mr Hillier	Year 5	Original entrance (KS1 playground)
Polar Bear	Miss Kleebaum	Year 6	Original entrance (KS1 playground)
Dolphin	Miss Hager	Year 6	Original entrance (KS1 playground)

End of day arrangements

The school day finishes at 3.00pm for all pupils. Children will be dismissed from their allocated doors as usual.

School lunches

Our kitchen is fully open so all children, who require cooked school lunches, will have a meal – please see our menu published on the website. Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 parents/carers, please remember to pay for school lunches via Pupil Asset, the new parent app, unless you are eligible for Free School Meals.

If your child is moving from year 2 to year 3 and you have any difficulties moving from free school meals to paid meals, please make an appointment to speak to Helen our FLO. We are keen for as many children as possible to have school dinners and will help where we can.

Covid updates

I have been reading all the government guidance throughout the summer and whilst many restrictions have been removed, we will continue some Covid protocols to keep us all safe. These will be reviewed weekly, in line with guidance and infection rates in Canterbury.

Pods

We will no longer be running our school in the Pod system. This means that children are free to play with other children from different classes at break and lunchtime. Our Nursery, Breakfast and After school clubs will recommence on Monday 6th September.

All changes will be monitored very carefully, in line with the government's guidance. As we start the new academic year, we will continue with our whole school assemblies outside or virtually but hope that it won't be too long before we can celebrate together as a community which includes welcoming parents and Carer back into school.

Isolation and Track and Trace

Schools are no longer responsible for tracking and tracing the close contacts of those who test positive. That means that, should an individual test positive for Covid, it will no longer be necessary to close an entire bubble. It is, however, still vital that any one displaying Covid symptoms isolates immediately and seeks a PCR test as soon as possible. Should your child test positive for Covid, they must isolate and follow the advice given by the NHS Test and Trace service. Please contact the school office immediately if your child tests positive.

We will continue to be highly vigilant in monitoring illness in school. Should the school experience a Covid outbreak, it is very possible that we will be directed to re-impose additional Covid restrictions. To continue in ensuring the safety of all our pupils, families and staff please continue to follow the agreed guidance.

- Follow the one way signs to and from your child's classroom entrance door
- Only one adult per family on site at drop-off and pick up times
- It is every adults decision if they wish to wear face masks on school grounds
- Everyone to maintain socially distancing expectations
- Face masks must be worn if entering the school reception area
- Parents are not allowed into the school unless they have a prearranged appointment.
- Appointments with staff i.e. HT, DHT, SENCO, FLO can be arranged by telephone 01227 760084 or email office@pilgrims-way.kent.sch.uk or via office.
- Please leave the school grounds as soon as your child is safely in school to help us mitigate any risks. Thank you.
- High levels of hygiene will be in place throughout the day. All children will hand gel their hands on entry and exit from the school.

Additional information

- Please return all reading books (a suitable box will be in each classroom) so that we can audit how we re-fill our library – Thank You. You do not need to return the books with Book Exchange sticker.

- Only bring PE kit, lunchboxes and school reading books into school
- All children must be wearing the correct uniform in September including suitable, black school shoes – no trainers. We have some second hand uniform for children who are not in correct uniform. If you have any difficulties, please speak to Helen
- If your child has medication in school, please bring new, in date medication when they return in September when a new medical form will need to be completed.
- Outdoor PE will continue so please ensure your child has their PE kit in school on their allocated day.
- Breakfast and Teatime after school provision will start on Monday 6th September.

Warm regards to you all – See you on Thursday 2nd September.

Miss AM Middleton
Headteacher