

Week 2 Newsletter



Pennyman
Primary Academy

As we reach the end of our first full week back in the academy, the children have been incredible both in terms of their behaviour and the attitude towards their learning. This week we have introduced our new 'Pennyman Champion of the Week Award'. We will share this week's winners on our Facebook page.

Since returning to the academy last week, our routines have got better each day and things have already improved. Due to the number of KS2 children (217) there has been some feedback from parents, on social media and telephone, regarding social distancing. As the Prime Minister said this week, we all have a duty to keep distance from each other, ensuring you do not hang around and where possible, leave the area around the academy as quickly as you can. We are in discussions with the council regarding an additional entrance in KS2 and have contacted the Mayor for his support.

May we thank our families for supporting us during the first few weeks as we all get used to the new routines. Please continue to do so, but do not hesitate to get in touch with the academy office if there is anything you feel we can do to make things even better.



Questions and Answers

When should you arrive? Please arrive at the time your child has been allocated, this will help to reduce overcrowding at the gates. We ask that you move away from the entrances once your child is in school. We ask that you try to arrive within the time you have been given to help us keep the bubbles separate. There are 217 children in KS2 and all of these children are entering the academy via one gate.

How can you help to keep others safe? Can we remind you to observe, where possible, social distancing according to Public Health guidance, in order to make sure staff and children are kept safe. Once your child has entered the academy, please leave as quickly as possible unless you are waiting to drop off or collect another child. We ask that only one parent brings a child

How long do the children have at lunchtime? Each bubble will have 20 minutes in the hall to eat their lunch. If your child brings a packed lunch please consider the amount of food in a lunchbox, so your child has time to eat all their lunch. **For Y3-Y6 lunches cost £10.25 per week, please send the money in with your child.**

What do you need to bring to school? We ask that all children bring a water bottle to school each day, which is to be filled with only water. **A PE kit needs to be brought in on their PE day and taken home at the end of the day.** The PE kit needs to include sports trainers, jogging bottoms, shorts, t-shirt, a jumper and a raincoat. PE will be outside every week. We suggest a change of socks too, in case their feet get wet. Book bags can be brought in each day, but your child will only be able to change their books on Mondays and Thursdays.

Will your children be able to come home in their PE kit? If your child has PE during the last session of the day, they will come home in their PE kit.

Can you visit the office? At the moment, no one is to enter the academy site, unless collecting a child who is ill. If you have to come into the office area, please wear a face mask.

What do you do about your child's medication? Mrs Arkle will be on the main gate each morning. If your child requires medication please complete the new form, which will be available from her. If your child uses an inhaler please ensure it is in date.

When do you keep your child off? As per the DfE guidance, only pupils with the three main symptoms need to be kept off and tested for COVID:

- A high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature);
- 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 loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

Pupils who only have a runny nose or sneezing for example do not need to stay at home. Pupils with only diarrhoea & vomiting should stay off until 2 days without symptoms (as is always the case) but do not need to be tested for COVID.

Do the new 'Power of 6' regulations effect the academy? Schools are not included in this guidance, but it is important for the spread of the virus that our families follow these new rules. [https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do)

Please be aware that it is the parents/carers responsibility to follow Public Health England, government and local authority advice and that no member of Pennyman staff is in a position to make a decision for you.

An update from Middlesbrough Local Authority

We have received this information from the local authority and wanted to share it with you.

It is vitally important that no one displaying symptoms of COVID attends school or nursery.

If your child or anyone in your household is showing ANY of the symptoms of COVID, all members of the household need to isolate immediately and the person with symptoms should have a COVID test.

The symptoms of COVID are:

- A high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature);
- 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 loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

If your child develops any of these symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home and arrangements should be made for them to be tested.

All members of the household must also isolate until the result of the test is back. Please alert your child's school if you have taken them for a test (and only access a COVID test for individuals if they develop symptoms).

What does it mean to isolate?

Isolation means you should stay at home. Do not go to work, go out shopping or take your children to school or nursery. You will need to make arrangements for family or friends to help out. You should not socialise or have any visitors to your home.

If the test of the person with symptoms is negative, then no-one needs to isolate and the child should return to school or nursery once they feel well.

If the test of the person with symptoms is positive then the person who has tested positive for COVID must isolate for 10 days and everyone else in the house must isolate for 14 days. Parents/carers should make schools/educational settings and workplaces aware of any positive test.

Testing is available locally. Anyone with any of the coronavirus symptoms is advised to book a test online www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test or by calling **119**.

For further information about COVID, please call 111 or go to www.gov.uk/coronavirus

Home to School transport

If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason, including Covid-19 symptoms, and they receive designated Home to School transport from the Council please contact the transport team as soon as possible. They will ask the transport provider not to attempt to pick up your child. To resume transport, contact the team and they can resume arrangements for the next school day.

Tel: 01642 353447.

When and where do you drop off and collect your children?

Class	Collection/Drop off	Start	Finish
Nursery AM	Nursery entrance	8:55 – 9:05	11:30
Nursery PM	Nursery entrance	12:25 – 12:35	14:55
Reception – transition until 11.9.20	Nursery – playground	8:40 – 8:50	13:00
Reception	KS1 entrance	8:40 – 8:50	14:40
SEND	Main gate/office	8:40 – 8:55	15:00
Y1	New KS1 gate **	8:40 – 8:50	14:40
Y2	KS1 entrance	8:50 – 9:00	14:50
Y3	KS2 entrance	8:45	15:05
Y4	KS2 entrance	8:40	15:00
Y5	KS2 entrance	8:35	14:55
Y6	KS2 entrance	8:30	14:50

Which day does your child need a PE kit?

PE Timetable				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y4	SEND Y2	Reception Y5	Y1 Y3	Y6



COVID-19 Government Guidance

- Children must not attend the academy if they themselves have symptoms, or have had contact with individuals who are unwell with coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does.
- Everyone attending the academy must clean their hands thoroughly and more often than usual.
- Everyone will be encouraged to follow the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.
- As an academy we have introduced a full time cleaner on site who will clean frequently touched surfaces.
- We encourage everyone to minimise contact between individuals and maintain social distancing wherever possible.