

Week 5 Newsletter



Pennyman
Primary Academy

We are rapidly heading towards the end of another half term in the academy, a half term which has been different again for all of us. The quality of the work completed at home and in the academy has been amazing and we are proud of all the children and would like to thank you for the support you have given your children with their learning. Please can you **wear a mask when dropping off and collecting children** from the academy. This is to protect our staff and you.



We would like to remind everyone that it is an academy, Trust and government expectation that the children have 3 hours of home learning in KS1 and 4 hours for KS2. Thank you to all parents and children who are engaging with the home learning we have provided so far. As always, if you are experiencing any problems with home learning, please get in touch with the academy and we will support you as best we can.

We have been delivering live zoom sessions each week for each year group. It is lovely that the children in the academy and those at home can 'see' each other and share some of their learning. If you get the chance to join in, please do. It is a highlight of the staff's week when they see all the children together.

You have been so supportive of the steps the academy has taken in recent weeks and we want to say a huge thank you for this support. We hope this continues and will try to keep you up to date with any changes as they happen. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with the academy if there is anything you need help with.

Half Term



The academy will be closed to all children over the half term holiday - Monday 15th – Friday 19th February. The academy office will also be closed. There will be some staff on site during half term for maintenance. If you get free school meals/vouchers, these will not be available during half term. Middlesbrough Council are offering eligible households with COVID Winter Grant to support parents with items like food, bills, and clothing for their families. You can apply at -

<https://www.middlesbrough.gov.uk/community-support-and-safety/coronavirus-covid-19/covid-winter-grant-application>

Questions and Answers

Do you need to wear a mask? We ask that when dropping off and collecting your children you wear a face covering to help to protect yourself and others. It is everyone's responsibility to follow the guidance.

What are the symptoms? The main symptoms are a high temperature, loss of taste and smell and a dry constant cough. If anyone displays one of these symptoms the guidance is to get a test. There are a number of other symptoms linked to the virus, so please contact 111 if in doubt.

What should you do if your child has symptoms? Do not bring your child to school. Please call 111 if your child is feeling unwell in anyway, they will give you guidance on what to do next. If a child has had a test, please keep them and their household isolated until the results are back. If positive, the household must isolate for 10 days. If anyone in a household has symptoms or is awaiting a test, the whole household and anyone who has been in contact must stay in isolation until a result is given.

What do you need to bring to the academy each day? We ask that all children bring a water bottle, a warm coat and their book bag. Book bags need to be brought in whenever the children need to change their books. We will change them that day and send them home to be read.

Key Workers Places

Please can we ask those who are using the key worker places in the academy to review their current circumstances and consider when their child could work from home.

The aim of a lockdown is to have the least amount of children in the academy as possible to reduce the spread of infection. If there is an adult at home your child should stay at home.

All key workers places will need to be requested in writing for after half term because of the demand for places. Please can we have in writing (via email) your place of work, job title, working hours and your 'typical' shift pattern (if you do not have set shifts). We need this information by Monday 8th February at 12pm if you need a place for after half term.

If you have any questions, please email the office pennyman@tved.org.uk. **Please do not ring the office to request a place as we can only accept requests in writing by email** to ensure we are providing places for all children who do not have an adult at home to look after them.



STAY HOME ▶ PROTECT THE NHS ▶ SAVE LIVES

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

Class	Location	Drop off	Collection
Nursery AM	Nursery entrance	8:50 – 9:00	11:30
Nursery PM	Nursery entrance	12:25 – 12:35	14:55
Reception	KS1 entrance	8:45 - 9:00	15:00
SEND	Main gate/office	8:35 – 8:55	15:00
Y1	KS1 entrance	8:45 - 9:00	15:00
Y2	KS1 entrance	8:45 - 9:00	15:00
Y3, 4, 5 & 6	KS2 entrance	8:45 - 9:00	14:55 - 15:05

Please arrive on time for your child's drop off and collection.

While waiting for your child's class to be called, please keep your distance from others, where possible send only one person to collect a child and wear a face covering.

National Lockdown

THIS IS THE LAW

You must stay at home to protect the NHS and save lives.

You should follow this guidance at all times.

ONLY REASONS TO LEAVE YOUR HOME

- Work or volunteering.
- Essential activities such as shopping, collecting medicines and to access critical services.
- To take your child to school, registered childcare or to your informal childcare bubble for children under 13, if you are a keyworker and there is no one else at home to look after your child or your child is vulnerable. Nurseries are still open for all nursery aged children.
- Medical reasons, to escape risk of harm or for a funeral.
- To exercise alone or with your household/support bubble or with 1 other person.

FACE COVERINGS

- Please wear a face covering at all times when you are dropping off and collecting your child from school.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home#summary-what-you-can-and-cannot-do-during-the-national-lockdown>

**We must keep on
protecting each other.**



HANDS



FACE



SPACE