

Week 8 Newsletter



Pennyman
Primary Academy

What a half term it has been. This week has been one of the more challenging for all of us within Pennyman. The commitment and teamwork from everyone in response to the closure of three bubbles has been exceptional.

As you may have seen in the news this week, the Mayor Andy Preston has requested that parents and carers collecting and dropping off children wear a face covering to protect themselves and others from the risks of COVID-19.



Can we remind you that when waiting for your child or children to finish school that it is important to keep them with you and do not let them play with other children. We are working hard to ensure bubbles are kept separately and support from you around this would help so much.

The office have asked us to remind you that it is vital, for everyone's safety, that packed lunches and PE kits are sent in with the children at the beginning of the academy day. We appreciate that sometimes it is a genuine mistake, but we are trying to avoid entering bubbles during the course of a day.



Halloween falls during half term, so we would like to remind parents and carers about keeping children safe and talking to them about the dangers of strangers. Also bonfire night is fast approaching, so it is more important than ever to keep your children with you to limit the risk to them.

When we return after the half term, we will be sending information out regarding parents consultations. These will be over the phone and staggered across four afternoons.

May we remind you that, even with the new restrictions, the academy remains open. Thank you again from the team at Pennyman for your continued support this term, it is really appreciated.



Questions and Answers

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. Please try to avoid using the academy drive way to turn cars around. Where possible please wear a face covering to protect yourself and others.

What do you need to bring for PE? 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.

What if your child needs medicine? Due to restrictions, we are not able to administer non-prescribed medicine, but if your child needs Calpol for example, you are able to bring medicine to give to your child yourself. Nurofen kids lasts for 6 hours, so this may be an alternative.

What does it mean to isolate? According to government guidance it is important that anyone who has symptoms or has received a positive test result should stay at home and not mix with anyone outside of their household. If someone in your home has tested positive it is suggested that you try and stay as far away from other members of your household as possible.

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.

Enjoy your retirement Mr Postgate!

The end of an era! Mr Postgate is retiring from Pennyman after 16 years working in the academy. He will be sorely missed by children, staff and parents alike. He has seen the academy through significant events and has always gone above and beyond to make Pennyman what it is. Mr Higgins has been shadowing him during the last half term and he will take over his duties from the beginning of November. Thank you for everything Mr Postgate. Enjoy your time with your family.



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

Class	Collection/Drop off	Start	Finish
Nursery AM	Nursery entrance	8:45 – 9:05	11:30
Nursery PM	Nursery entrance	12:25 – 12:35	14:55
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

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

Which day does your child need a PE kit?

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

Please make sure your child has their PE kit on their day.



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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' and 'hands, face, space' 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.