

Week 3 Newsletter



Pennyman
Primary Academy

This week the children across the academy have continued to give their all to their learning in all subjects. In KS1 and KS1 SEND they have been working with Susan, an artist from TVCLP, this week. They have been working on colour mixing and other painting techniques. The work will be displayed around the academy later in the year.

Given that we are now back in a national lockdown, may we remind you all that we need to take extra precautions in order to keep all of us safe. The mayor 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.

We appreciate during these times that childcare can be tricky. Can we remind you that mixing of households is against the government guidelines and ultimately puts more of our community at risk of contracting the virus. As well as this, when waiting for your child or children to finish school that it is important to keep them with you and not to 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.

Please look out for information about our Christmas celebrations this year as we are having to make some changes to what would normally happen.



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.

Who can I turn to if things are difficult? As always, we continue to offer support and advice to our families when they need it. Please remember to contact the academy office if there is anything you think we can support you with.

Meet Ollee

Ollee is a digital friend for children aged 8-11, created by Parent Zone and funded by BBC Children in Need's A Million & Me initiative, which aims to make a difference to children's emotional wellbeing.

It's designed to help children reflect on how they feel and to process their experiences with the support and help of their parents and carers – and it does this by offering them advice about a range of subjects: school, family, friends, their body, the internet and the world.

For each of these subjects, children can choose an emotion that matches how they feel about it: happy, angry, sad, confused, frustrated, stressed or worried. We are using Ollee across Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 to support our learning, but it is available at <https://app.ollee.org.uk/#/welcome>



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.



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.