

Week 5 Newsletter



Pennyman
Primary Academy



As we reach the end of another week, the children have really impressed us with their commitment, resilience and determination towards all their learning. This week has been assessment week for many across the academy, an opportunity for the children to show off what they have remembered from their lessons. We wanted to congratulate each and every one of the children for their excellent behaviours for learning.

During these times, we know that getting your child to school can be tricky and we are seeing more children coming to school with other children from other families. While it is good children are coming, mixing households is against government guidance and puts not only the children at risk but staff and the wider community at a greater risk of contracting the virus.



Christmas has well and truly arrived at Pennyman this week, Wednesday saw the tree lighting and carol singing outside in their bubbles. The children were so excited to sing, dance and countdown to the switch-on of the lights. To warm them up, hot chocolate was served to everyone.

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.



Before and after school

We have received a number of comments from the Pennyman community and beyond about social distancing and the behavior of some children during the drop off and collection times. It is appreciated that there are a lot of children to drop off and collect, but can we remind you all to make sure your children remain with you, you do not mix households and that you do not block the public footpath.



Questions and Answers

What can you do to help? 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.

Can you mix with other families? Government guidance for the lockdown states that households should not mix, therefore we ask that you try to avoid where possible not to mix with others. This will help keep our community safer from the virus.

Do you need to wear a mask? Where possible please wear a face covering to protect yourself and others. It is everyone's responsibility to follow the guidance.

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 to academy office if there is anything you think we can support you with.

What are the arrangements for Christmas cards? This year Christmas cards are welcome to come into the academy on the 7th, 8th and 9th December and they will be handed out on Monday 14th December. See the timetable on the reverse of this newsletter for further details.

What time do you need to arrive? Please arrive on time within the time you have been given. If you arrive after late on a morning after the time given, your child will need to come in through the main entrance and collect a late mark.

Children in Need

As we do every year, this year we supported Children in Need by holding a non-uniform day. The number of Pudsey items and outfits were a sight to behold. We are delighted to announce that we raised £388.79. Thank you so much to everyone who donated to such a worthwhile cause.



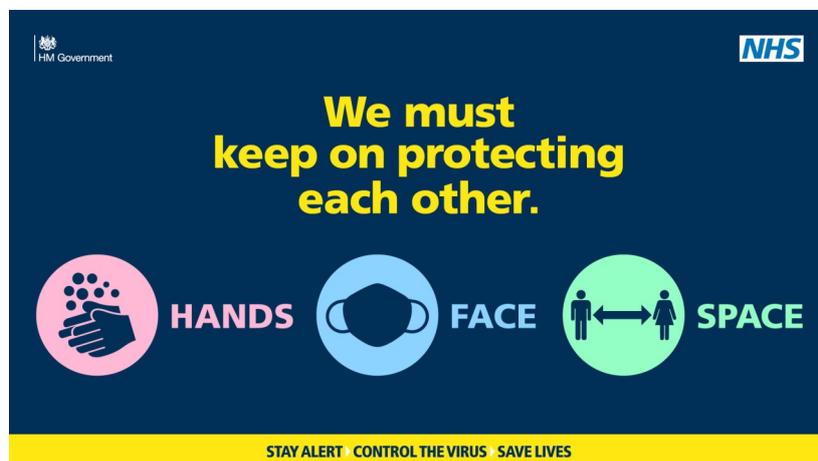
When and where do you drop off and collect your children?

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.

What is going on in the run up to Christmas?

Mon 7 th Dec	Tue 8 th Dec	Wed 9 th Dec	Thurs 10 th Dec	Fri 11 th Dec
Christmas cards in	Christmas cards in	Christmas cards in		Christmas cards out Nursery Disco
Mon 14 th Dec	Tue 15 th Dec	Wed 16 th Dec	Thurs 17 th Dec	Fri 18 th Dec
Christmas Jumper Day Y4 Disco SEND Disco	Reception Disco Y1 Disco	Christmas Hat/ Headband Day Santa Run Y2 Disco Y3 Disco	Y5 Disco Y6 Disco	Academy closed to children – PD 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.