



A Journey to Success

# Pilgrims' Way Primary School & Children's Centre Newsletter



Healthy Schools

## A message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/carers,  
We are absolutely delighted to have all the classes back with us again and it has been a pleasure to see the children so happy to be back at school, enjoying their learning and being with their friends once more. The children have adapted very well to the new systems in place and the school once more has a calm but busy feel to it. The present situation in regards to the coronavirus pandemic is a very difficult time for us all, and if you or your child have any anxieties regarding this, please do speak to a member of the senior leadership team. As you are aware, Miss Horton has been promoted to deputy headteacher and will be working across the federation. These are the days each member of SLT will be working.

Role	Name	Days
Executive Headteacher	Gregory Doey	Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
Headteacher	Julie Ireland	Monday and Tuesday
Deputy Headteacher	Georgia Horton	Monday, Thursday and Friday
Assistant Headteacher	Helen Jones	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
SENCo	Judith Evans	Tuesday and Friday

## Safety measures

The school has worked very hard to put systems of control in place as a response to covid-19 situation. As you know, the children are in "class bubbles" and to protect the bubbles, they are kept separately from the rest of the school. The systems we have put in place include

- Staggered start, finish, break and lunch times
- Only 2 classes are in the hall at lunchtime in two distinct zones
- From Y1 upwards, children sit in pairs, side to side and facing the front. This is also the same at lunch time in order to reduce any face to face contact
- Each class has their own playground equipment which is not shared with anyone else
- Minimal contact between staff members including a limit on the number of staff in communal areas such as the staff room
- Virtual assemblies and virtual meetings
- Each child has their own stationery pack from Year 1 upwards
- Frequent hand cleaning throughout the day
- Enhanced cleaning
- Staff maintain a distance of 2m from children where possible and other staff members
- Children (particularly older children) maintain social distancing from staff members and each other
- A one way system for moving around the school
- Limit of one child in the toilet at any one time

## Coronavirus symptoms

If your child or a household member is displaying symptoms of coronavirus, you **MUST** not enter the school premises. Instead, phone 111 for further advice. The main symptoms are

-High temperature      -persistent cough      -loss of taste      -loss of smell

### **Gate times and location**

As you are aware, we have opened up the pen gate as an additional location to drop off and collect children in order to reduce congestion. We will be reviewing sibling times soon. Please can you ensure that when waiting to collect your child, you and your family maintain social distancing. Where possible, we also ask that only one parent comes to collect and drop off their child to reduce the number of people at the gates. Please can you also ensure that you adhere to the times given to drop off and collect your child. Many thanks for your support with this.

### **Breakfast club and after school club**

We have reopened breakfast club. The cost of breakfast club is £1 a day and runs from 7.45 a.m. From next Monday, we will be starting after school club once more—the cost of this is £5.00 a day and runs until 6p.m. In both breakfast club and after school club, pupils will remain within their class bubbles and social distancing rules will apply.

### **Home reading books**

We have to quarantine any reading books that have been home for 48 hours which means that we are reducing how often we change and send home books. Your class teacher will let you know the days which your child needs to bring in their reading book to be changed.

### **Emergency contact forms**

We have sent home emergency contact forms—please fill these out and send them back to the office ASAP. You need to fill out a form for each child.

### **After school clubs**

Unfortunately, we are not able to offer any after school clubs presently apart from Y6 tuition and Y6 athletics. This will be reviewed later this term.

### **P.E kits**

As you are aware, we are asking children to come into school in their P.E kits on the days that they have P.E

Year 1—Wednesday and Thursday

Year 2 - Monday and Thursday

Year 3—Monday and Thursday

Year 4—Monday and Tuesday

Year 5—Tuesday and Friday

Year 6—Tuesday and Friday

We have also asked that children bring in a labelled water bottle to access water during the day as the water fountains have been closed off. These need to be taken home at the end of each day and returned the next morning. In order to protect the environment, we ask that you do not send in single use plastic bottles, but use reusable ones instead.

### **Safeguarding**

As you would expect, safeguarding your children is our first priority here at Pilgrims' Way. We have a safeguarding policy that can be found on our website or alternatively, speak to Chris, Donna or Zoe if you would like to obtain a hard copy of the policy.