

The Pinner Park Poem

Special Edition



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New Updates

Thank you for the positive feedback we have received following our first 'special edition' newsletter, sent out yesterday.

We will make every effort to keep you informed and to be as transparent as possible with regard to our response and actions.

I was not expecting to send home 'Special Edition 2' so soon after our first edition. However, you will know that the government advice changed quite significantly yesterday and we want to keep everyone updated.

We have not had any confirmed cases of Coronavirus in school – this means that we are not aware of any confirmed cases among staff, pupils or families. If you, or a member of your household has a confirmed case, please do let us know through the school office. We will then refer this matter to Public Health England and share advice and any necessary actions accordingly.

We really do appreciate the continued support of our parents, community and staff here at Pinner Park. Let's make sure we are acting with care, kindness and positivity at this time – what a great opportunity to show that we are ready, respectful, safe and kind!

Please do contact us if you have any questions using the office email address.

Best wishes,

Headteacher



Use of Social Media



If you want to communicate with school, or if you have any questions or concerns, please do ask us directly (the best way to do this is through our office email).

We ask that you avoid speculating or raising questions on social media groups, such as WhatsApp or Facebook, as this will do nothing other than heighten anxiety levels at an already challenging time.

School Attendance – Updated Advice

In line with the guidance from Public Health England and the DfE, we will remain open unless we are instructed to close by the Department for Education. In the event of staff shortages, we will take decisions based on the best interests of our children, staff and families.



The updated advice from the Government is as follows:

The coronavirus symptoms are:

- a high temperature
- a new continuous cough

Staying at home (self-isolating):

- if you have symptoms, stay at home for 7 days
- if you live with other people, they should stay at home for 14 days from the day the first person got symptoms
- If you live with someone who is 70 or over, has a long-term condition, is pregnant or has a weakened immune system, try to find somewhere else for them to stay for 14 days
- If you have to stay at home together, try to keep away from each other as much as possible

Read advice about staying at home [here](#).

You do not need to go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital, and you do not need to contact 111 to tell them you're staying at home.

Use the NHS 111 online coronavirus service if:

- you feel you cannot cope with your symptoms at home
- your condition gets worse
- your symptoms do not get better after 7 days
- Only call 111 if you cannot get help online

How to avoid catching and spreading coronavirus (social distancing):

Everyone should do what they can to stop coronavirus spreading. It is particularly important for people who:

- are 70 or over
- have a long-term condition
- are pregnant
- have a weakened immune system

The latest guidance can be viewed at www.nhs.uk/coronavirus and www.gov.uk/coronavirus. Please remember that the advice is regularly updated.

We know that some families are concerned about children and family members who are considered to be higher risk – including those with underlying medical conditions. There are no hard and fast rules regarding school attendance in these circumstances – it will be up to individual families to make a decision about attendance based on the best interests of their family.

Unwell Children



If children have a new, persistent cough during the school day, or if they have a temperature, we will call you and ask you to collect them from school. We will isolate them until you are able to collect.

We will ask you to isolate them for 7 days, and also for any siblings and members of the household to be isolated for 14 days, in line with the current advice.

We appreciate your support in responding quickly to any request to collect your child from school.

School Events and Visits Update

We think that it is wise to review all our planned events in the light of the current circumstances. Although we want, as much as possible, to continue with 'business as usual', we also want to take sensible precautions to reduce contact where we can.

In addition to the list provided yesterday, we have also made decisions about the following planned events.



Sports Trials	We have postponed these trials and we will plan some new dates in due course.
Harrow String Fest	We anticipate that this event will be cancelled but we have decided that Pinner Park children will not participate, in any case.

We will continue to review all our school activities and update parents accordingly.

School Meals



We continue to work closely with the Chartwells team to ensure that we can provide a healthy, hot and safe meal each lunchtime for our children. We have changed some of procedures to add an extra layer of precaution.

If your child is unwell or self-isolating, please could you remember to cancel your child's meal on ParentPay. This is especially important if you pay for your child's meal – cancelling before 9am on the day will ensure that you are not charged for the meal.

Tissues

We are getting through a larger amount of tissues than is usual, and supplies are limited. If any family has an unopened, new box of tissues which they are able to donate to school, please send it in so that we can top up our classroom supplies.

