

# The Pinner Park Poet

Special  
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## Thank You to all our new 'Schools'

We want to thank you all. None of us expected to be doing the jobs we're doing right now. I didn't expect to be the head of a large virtual school and small on-site childcare facility. You didn't expect to be home educators. None of this was expected.

But, Pinner Park has responded with a positive, 'nothing is impossible', can-do attitude. Good on you!



Thank you to all those parents who are supporting home learning. Thank you for not sending your children to school – this keeps everyone safe. Thank you to those of you who are trying to work at home, whilst managing your home-learning family. This isn't easy. Thank you to the key-workers who have made alternative arrangements so that their children do not have to come into school. And thank you to all those who are in critical roles – working at the front line and continuing to head into work each day – we are in awe of you.

We want to support you as much as possible in your new role. Please do get in touch with us if you have any questions. We are working hard to open up new and varied ways of communicating with the staff in school, many of whom are working from home.

We love our Pinner Park Community and although we are separated by distance, we are together in spirit and community. We can do this!

Best wishes,

*Nick Waldron*

Headteacher

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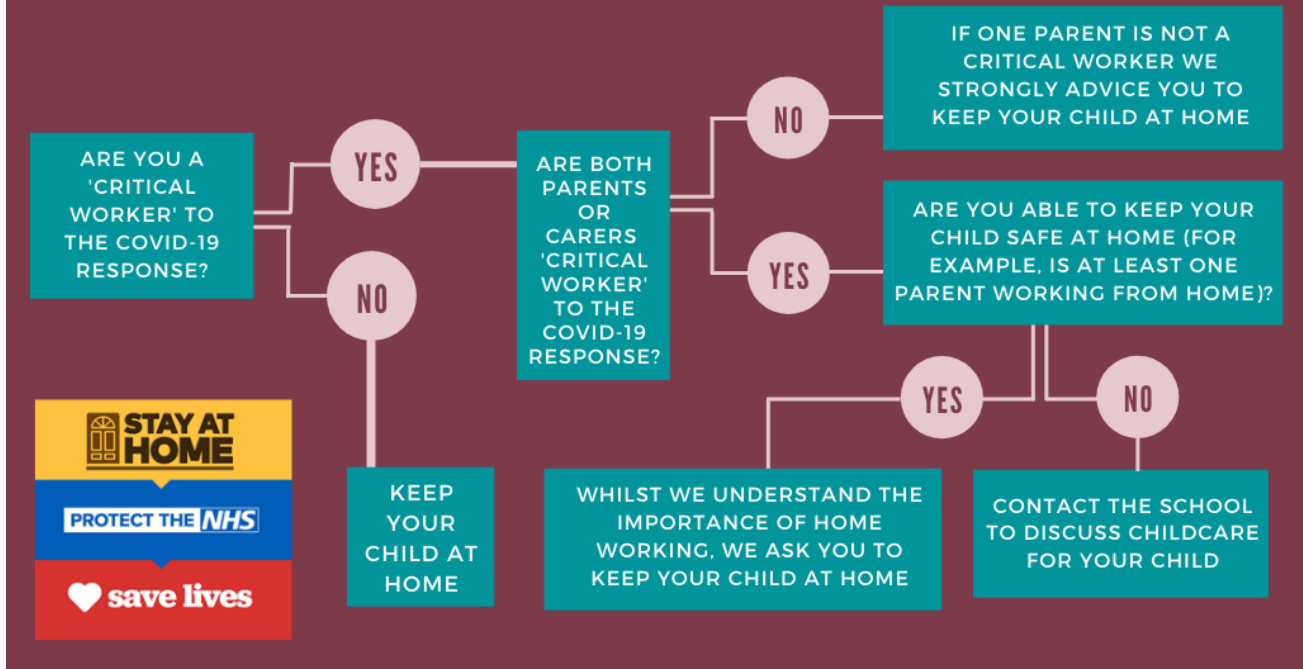


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# CRITICAL WORKER DECISION MAKER



## Benefit-Related Free School Meals



If your child is eligible for a benefit-related free school meal, we want to ensure that you do not miss out on this during the school closure.

We are teaming up with the major supermarkets to enable you to receive a weekly voucher - £11.50 per week per child (the money that we would usually spend on a free school meal for you). We hope that the following system will be as easy as possible for you. We are going to start this week and continue during term time for as long as the school is closed.

If your child is eligible for benefit-related free school meals, then you will receive a text and/or email. Look out for this!

When you receive the text message or email, simply:

1. Click on the link
2. Select your desired supermarket
3. A voucher is then shown which can be taken in-store or used online

Please note that this does not apply to all those children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 (who usually get a free meal) unless parents have registered due to receiving the qualifying benefits.

## Keeping in Touch – New Email Addresses

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Yesterday we told you about the new ‘live chat’ facility on our school website. A number of parents have already used this – we hope you have found it useful! We will try and keep this open as much as possible, enabling you to speak directly to a member of staff about anything.

In addition, we have now set up some year group email addresses. If you, or your child, have any questions about home learning, if you need a password for something, or if you need some ideas, simply send a message and a member of staff from the year group team will get back to you.



The email addresses are:

[nursery@pinnerpark.harrow.sch.uk](mailto:nursery@pinnerpark.harrow.sch.uk)

[year4@pinnerpark.harrow.sch.uk](mailto:year4@pinnerpark.harrow.sch.uk)

[reception@pinnerpark.harrow.sch.uk](mailto:reception@pinnerpark.harrow.sch.uk)

[year5@pinnerpark.harrow.sch.uk](mailto:year5@pinnerpark.harrow.sch.uk)

[year1@pinnerpark.harrow.sch.uk](mailto:year1@pinnerpark.harrow.sch.uk)

[year6@pinnerpark.harrow.sch.uk](mailto:year6@pinnerpark.harrow.sch.uk)

[year2@pinnerpark.harrow.sch.uk](mailto:year2@pinnerpark.harrow.sch.uk)

[year3@pinnerpark.harrow.sch.uk](mailto:year3@pinnerpark.harrow.sch.uk)

Please use [office@pinnerpark.harrow.sch.uk](mailto:office@pinnerpark.harrow.sch.uk) for any general enquiries.

## Social Distancing and Isolation – New Measures

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The single most important action we can all take, in fighting coronavirus, is to stay at home in order to protect the NHS and save lives.

When we reduce our day-to-day contact with other people, we will reduce the spread of the infection. That is why the government has now introduced three new measures, announced on Monday 23 March.

1. Requiring people to stay at home, except for very limited purposes
2. Closing non-essential shops and community spaces
3. Stopping all gatherings of more than two people in public



Every citizen must comply with these new measures. The relevant authorities, including the police, will be given the powers to enforce them – including through fines and dispersing gatherings.

These measures are effective immediately. The Government will look again at these measures in three weeks, and relax them if the evidence shows this is possible.

## Support for Home Learning

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We'll try and give you as much support as possible over the coming weeks.

Here are some recommended resources which you may find of use. Remember you can use any resources to supplement the learning packs on our website. We'll try not to overwhelm you with hundreds of resources – just a few each day which we know are helpful:



### **BBC Bitesize**

BBC Bitesize is a vast site which covers every aspect of the school curriculum. There is content suited for every age range. Over the coming days and weeks BBC Bitesize will be changing to bring daily content that supports with education and wellbeing.

BBC Bitesize is free to use.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary>

### **The Maths Factor**

The Maths Factor is an online maths tutoring site for 4-11 year olds. The content is ordered to match the new 2014 national curriculum in England, but the site is used successfully by children all around the world.

The heart of The Maths Factor are short sessions designed for daily use. Each session starts with a lively video tutorial by Carol Vorderman, followed by a fun warm-up and then a practice. There are over 1,000 of these sessions, arranged into 32 topics.

This resource is currently free of charge for any children affected by school closures.

<https://www.themathsfactor.com/>

### **Live Creative Writing with Steven Vinacour**

Steven Vinacour, author of Ted and his Time Travelling Toilet, visited our school last week. He is hosting a 'Creative Writing for Kids' session each day at 5pm on his Facebook page. He is aiming to write a book with our help. He'll collate all our ideas and turn it into a novel to be given away for free. Some of our children joined in the fun yesterday. All are welcome today!

<https://www.facebook.com/stevenvinacourauthor/>

## This Week's Community Challenge

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Each week we want to set you a challenge which will help you to keep in touch with everyone. It's a simple one this week – we just want a photo of you doing your home learning. You might be joining in some physical activity with Joe Wicks, working on the computer, reading a book, doing a science experiment or anything else! We'll add the photo to our online gallery so please make sure you have permission from Mum or Dad before sending one in.



Send your photos to our new email address: [share@pinnerpark.harrow.sch.uk](mailto:share@pinnerpark.harrow.sch.uk). The email address will be 'live' from Wednesday.