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We're Back in Business!

It has been wonderful to see all our children back in school today. They all seem so happy to be back and learning together once more.

Thank you for your support as we find our way through the guidance and logistics to discover our 'new normal'.

We know that you have received lots and lots of information over the past 6 months, and in the last few weeks.

We will try and reinforce and repeat some of our key messages through our weekly newsletter. Please do look out for it each Friday.

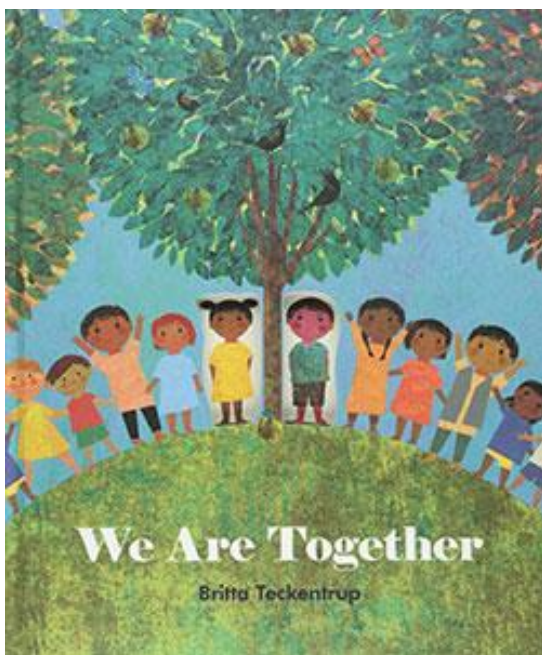
Best wishes,

Nick Waldron

Headteacher



We are Together



In the first two weeks of term, much of our learning will be based on a book which we are sharing together as a whole school.

The book, 'We are Together' by Britta Teckentrup, is a multi-layered text which focusses on themes of togetherness and friendship. A stand out feature of this book is the way in which the illustrations use "peek through" cut outs to create a growing community of people.

This is a great story to share at the start of the school year, especially as we come together after such a long absence. It promotes a sense of togetherness, teamwork and encourages us all to 'be there' for others.

"On our own, we're special, and we can chase our dream. But when we join up, hand in hand, together, we're a team."

If you speak to your child about the book, he or she might be able to tell you all about it!

Parent Checklist – Some Key Messages!

We know that parents have been inundated with information at the start of term. We hope this simple checklist will help you to grasp some of the key messages from our various communications:

Social Distancing: Please keep 2 metres between adults when waiting on the playground.



Face Coverings: Adults, please wear a face covering if you are able to, whenever you are on the school site (including on the playgrounds)



Timings: Please aim to arrive just a few minutes before your children drop-off or collection time to avoid spending too much time on the school site



Drop off: Please find a space on the playground and send your child to the teacher when he or she comes out to collect – please can adults remain in their space and not 'line up'



Collection: Please find a space on the playground and we will send your child to you.



Reception / Office: We are limiting access to the building because space is limited. Please use the parent information point which is in the upper school playground – this is our 'outdoor office'



Drop Off and Collection

A reminder of our start and finish times are below. It is very important that children arrive just before the time indicated below. We do not want children to mix with children from other classes.

Class	Start Time	End Time
Birch	8.30am	3.00pm
Chestnut	8.40am	3.10pm
Oak	8.50am	3.20pm
Willow	9.00am	3.30pm

Packed Lunches and Fruit Snack – Order Lunches Now!

**packed
LUNCH**

All meals must be ordered (including those which are provided free of charge) through ParentPay. [The menu is available here.](#)

Please remember to order your meals by 8am on the meal day (at the latest).

NEVER PARK ON THE WHITE OR YELLOW ZIG-ZAGS
NO PARKING, NO STOPPING, NO EXCUSES
W—SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR—W

School Uniform, Equipment, Book Bags and More!

It was great to see everyone in their full **school uniform** today. A full guide to our school uniform, and our suppliers, can be [found here](#).

We are providing the **stationery items** that your child needs - your child will have a personal pack of resources which won't be shared. Your child does not need to bring in any stationery from home.

Please ensure that your child has a clearly named **water bottle**, filled with fresh water, each day. They'll bring it home each day so that it can be cleaned and refilled. We are not be using any water fountains in school – they have been converted to hand washing sinks!

We have a supply of school water bottles available to purchase for £2. These will be available to purchase through ParentPay. We will distribute any water bottles which have been purchased on a weekly basis.



Children will be able to bring reading books home. A school **book bag** is ideal for this. We do not want to see any large rucksacks, backpacks or bags in school. We will allow a simple drawstring bag, such as those pictured left. These can be bought very cheaply (so we hope this will help parents too!)

For the first few weeks of term children will only change their footwear for **PE**. Please ensure that your child has a named pair of plimsolls or trainers in school (trainers are more suited to outdoor PE). We will review this decision after the first few weeks of term.

School Attendance

School attendance is now mandatory again. This means that the usual rules on school attendance will apply. We will expect parents to inform the school if their child is unable to attend for any reason.

We expect children's attendance to be at least 96% through the school year, and we know that many children will have a higher rate of attendance.



A Nut Free School



We kindly request that you do not send your child to school with nuts, or products containing nuts, in packed lunches. This includes chocolate spreads, such as Nutella, and other items with nut ingredients.

We have a number of children who have severe nut allergies, a condition which can be life-threatening.

Thank you for your co-operation in making our school environment safe for all.

Covid-19 Symptoms and Action

The most important symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)



For most people, especially children, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

If you, or any member of your household, has any of the symptoms above you must:

- stay at home
- arrange to have a test to see if you have COVID-19
- co-operate with NHS test, track and trace
- inform the school straight away

If a child or adult develops any of these symptoms whilst in school they will be immediately isolated and sent home.

Keep up to date with Web, Twitter, Instagram and Facebook

Although we try and squeeze all our news into our weekly newsletter, we also publish information through other communication channels.

If you have access to Instagram, Twitter and Facebook, make sure that you're tuned into our pages (@PinnerParkSch) so that you don't miss out on anything.



Each newsletter will also be placed on our school website:

<http://pinnerpark.harrow.sch.uk/newsletters.html>

Keeping in touch with the PTA and other parents



Thank you to everyone who has signed up to use Classlist. This is the parent-to-parent communication tool which will also be used by our PTA – it has replaced the WhatsApp lists previously used.

To join Classlist, please use the information in the emails we have sent from Classlist – the link in the email enables you to join as a 'pre-approved' parent. If you didn't receive the email, you are welcome to use the following link:

<https://classlist.page.link/abfmXP9VbndyLcWM9>

Ready, Respectful, Safe and Kind

We're delighted that all the children have come back to school remembering our key behaviour values. 'Ready, Respectful, Safe and Kind' are four simple words which mean very much to the Pinner Park School Community.

We large school and it is important that we all have the same behaviour expectations of each other, and that we are consistent in our approach. We want all our children and staff, from Nursery through to Year 6, to have a shared understanding of our expectations.



Ready: Ready for learning, ready to listen, ready to contribute towards our school and local community.

Respectful: Showing respect to our peers, to adults, to our environment, and to ourselves.

Safe: Safe in our learning environment, safe with the people around us and safe in the activities in which we are taking part. This has taken on some new meanings during the Covid19 pandemic and now includes washing our hands, sitting front facing and working in bubbles!

Kind: Showing kindness in different ways — both big and small — showing care, concern, and consideration for ourselves and those with whom we share the world.

We are sure that these have been very helpful at home too.

Throughout the school year, the children have many opportunities to consider what it means to be 'Ready, Respectful, Safe and Kind'. These four values are the golden thread through our school - promoting exemplary behaviour, which is at the heart of productive learning.

Healthy and Hydrated – Drinks in School



Our school is a water and milk (lower fat) only school. This means that we will not allow children to have other drinks in school.

We have this rule for a number of reasons, but principally because we want to promote healthy habits for our children.

Please support us by having a named water bottle available for your child to bring to school. Please fill bottles with plain, unflavoured tap water.

Thank you for your support.

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