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New normal and a new start

We have been so very impressed with how the children have adapted to the 'new normal'. All the routines and procedures to reduce the risk of Covid-19 transmission are new to us all but the children have adapted so quickly. More than that, I know that they are happy to be back in school, back with their friends and back to learning in a group. This has been great to see!



Over the past two weeks we have been thinking about 'fresh starts' in our assemblies. We heard the Bible story of Zacchaeus. He was a tax collector who stole from the people of Jericho – he wasn't popular! He turned his life round after Jesus gave him a fresh start. We've also learned about Rosh Hashanah – Jewish New Year. This is an opportunity for Jews to think back and to think forward – putting right anything that they've done to upset others and having a fresh start moving forward.

The new school year is a fresh start for all of us. Despite the staggered starts, zoned playground, lunches in classrooms, hand washing and sanitising, we're all putting our 'best foot forward' and grabbing the fresh start with both hands!

We wish you all a great weekend.

Best wishes,

Nick Waldron

Parent and Teacher Consultations



There is the opportunity this half term to book a ten minute appointment with your child's teacher to discuss how your child has settled into the school year.

In order to reduce the risk of Covid-19 transmission, these appointments will be held remotely, either through a telephone call or video link – you will be able to choose which suits you best.

The appointments will be scheduled for the week before half term and we will send further details next week about how to book your appointment.

What to do if someone in your house has Covid symptoms

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared. Please inform the school immediately.

All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill. Household members should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home.

Household members staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community.

If anyone in your household has symptoms, please dial 119 or visit <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> to book a test as soon as possible. Once you have a test result (positive or negative), please inform the school and we will be able to advise you on the next steps

The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

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

- stay at home (do not leave the house except to get a test)
- 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.

Your child does **not need a test** if they have a runny nose, are sneezing or feeling unwell but do not have a temperature, cough or loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste because these are not normally symptoms of coronavirus.



CORONAVIRUS
STAY ALERT TO
THE SYMPTOMS

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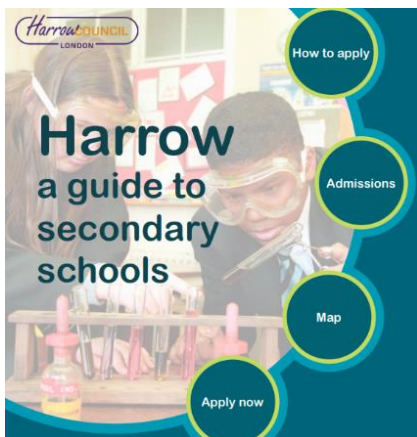
School Admissions

If your child is due to start in Reception in 2021, you can apply now, online at: www.harrow.gov.uk/schooladmissions or www.eadmissions.org.uk. Your child will be starting in Reception if he or she was born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017.

The closing date is 15th January 2021.



Year 6 – Secondary School Admissions



If your child is in Year 6, you can now apply for a secondary school place, online at: www.harrow.gov.uk/schooladmissions or www.eadmissions.org.uk.

The closing date is 31 October 2020

It is really important that you apply by the closing date. There is further information in the [Harrow Guide to Secondary Schools](#).

If you have any difficulty making your application please do let us know as soon as possible.

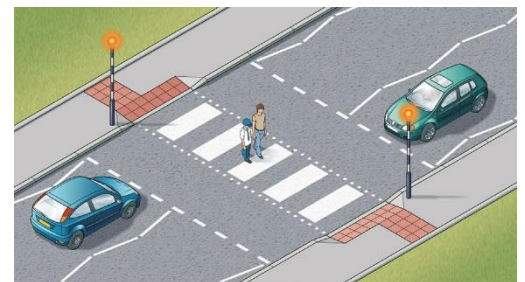
Road Safety and Zebra Crossings

We are speaking to the children about road safety because we have noticed some behaviours which risk their safety.

Please could all parents help by reinforcing these messages at home, and by setting the correct example (especially when crossing the road). The following guidelines may help:

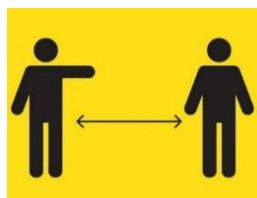
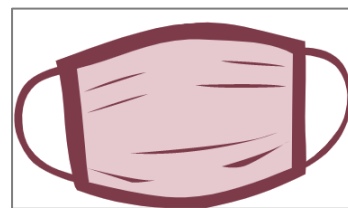
- Always find a safe place to cross – use the zebra crossings where available, even if this adds a few extra metres to your journey
- Approach the zebra crossing in a straight line – don't approach from an angle because road users may not see you, and this is a bad example to set the children
- STOP – always stop and look both ways, waiting for cars to come to a complete standstill. Even if you are aware that the road is clear, it is important that we instil this habit with our children
- If you or your child are riding a scooter or bike, please STOP, get off, and push across the zebra crossing

Please talk to your child as you are crossing the road. Tell them what you are doing, and why. Encourage them to look both ways and to tell you when they think it is safe to cross. This will help them to look after their own safety rather than simply relying on you.



Face Coverings and Keeping our Distance!

We are asking that any parents or visitors coming onto the school site wear a face covering. This includes the school's outdoor spaces such as our playgrounds at drop off and collection times. We are mindful that some parents are not able to wear a face covering – for example, those with certain health conditions.



Please remember that all adults in school, including parents, will be expected to observe social distancing at all times.

This means that we want you to remain at least two metres from all those who are not part of your household.

When you are waiting on the playground at drop-off and collection, please try your best to find a nice, big space to stand in. Please 'send' your child to the teacher, and we will 'send' them to you at the end of the day – please don't be tempted to gather around the door. Thank you.

Second Hand Uniform Sale

Thank you to the PTA for organising a second hand uniform sale and to everyone who supported this by donating and purchasing uniform.

The sale raised over £200.

Thank You

Staff Spotlight – Mrs Tucker and Ms Peace



We have a large staff team, and many of our members of staff work behind the scenes – vital to the school, but often unseen.

This week, we want to highlight the work of Mrs Tucker and Ms Peace.

Both Mrs Tucker and Ms Peace (and all our admin team members) wear many hats – they multi-task all week long! One of their key roles is to look after all our attendance records and to encourage good attendance for children in school. This is a really important role because we know that there is a strong link between children's attendance in school and their well-being and academic performance. We want the best for our children, and that means them being in school!

Their role has become more complicated this term due to the Covid-19 rules and guidelines. They are working really hard to understand every family's circumstance and to provide advice, make contact and to keep our records fully up to date.

You can help Mrs Tucker and Ms Peace by keeping us informed if your child is unable to attend school for any reason.

Thank you to Mrs Tucker and Ms Peace for all their hard work!

REMINDER - Can you help us with some paving slabs?



We are installing a new storage shed soon, for all our 'loose parts' play equipment – this is all part of our ongoing project with the team from OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning).

If any parent has spare paving slabs which we can have to create a base for the shed, we would be most grateful. Please send an email to office@pinnerpark.harrow.sch.uk and we will contact you.

Our shed is being delivered next week so please let us know if you can spare any slabs by the end of the school day on Monday.

The mystery of the red barrier blocks

You may have noticed a good number of red barrier blocks appearing in our playground areas.

We are using these to create clearly defined zones in our playground spaces for class 'bubbles'. Each class bubble is now allocated its own zone to play in and the barriers help to show the areas for children and staff.



When you are dropping off and collecting your child, please feel free to ignore the barriers and use the entire playground space to wait whilst observing 2 metre social distancing.

PE Kits



Since the beginning of term we have asked children to change their footwear for PE. We have used this time to review our procedures for changing into kit alongside our measures for Covid safety.

Having considered these issues we will now be asking children to have a full PE kit in school. We will change into kit for each PE session.

We are currently doing all our class PE sessions outside. As the weather gets colder it will be important that children do have a tracksuit – we'll try and get outside as much as possible.

No Smoking



**No
smoking**



**No electronic
cigarettes
allowed**

As a school we do not permit smoking anywhere on the school site. We want to thank all our parents and visitors for always abiding by this rule.

We have noticed, on occasion, parents and other adults smoking just outside the school on Melbourne Avenue. Although this is not strictly against the rules we would ask that everyone is mindful that this area can be very busy, with many young children around.

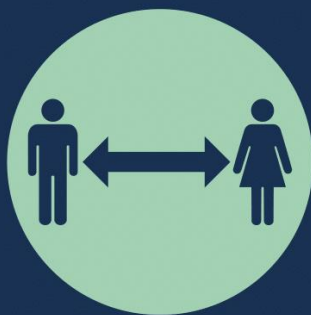
We must keep on protecting each other.



HANDS



FACE



SPACE