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A Letter from Mr Waldron

Dear Parents,

As we approach the end of the calendar year, I want to take the opportunity to offer my thanks, on behalf of the school, for your support in 2020.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as change after change has been thrust upon us all. Back in March, we found out, quite suddenly, that schools would be closing – remaining open for just a small number of students. Just a few days later, you were in the position of being home-educators on top of all your other family and work commitments. We know how difficult this was – juggling child care, work, home education and everything else. And all these changes often came with little notice. School staff watched and listened to government updates at the same time as parents, awaiting news of changes and directives – with details coming later. This required our tolerance and patience!

As we opened the school more widely from June, then fully opening in September, we asked you to put your trust in us. This was a time of great anxiety for many but you put your faith in us as we did everything in our power to provide a great education whilst putting in place all the safety measures. You've coped with staggered starts and finishes, online parents' evenings, outdoor offices, bubble closures, and much more. We salute you!

I want to thank our staff team. They have worked tirelessly to provide your children with the safest, most enjoyable and most effective education possible. This term has been more exhausting than any other. I wish them a restful break.

And to our pupils. Not since the war has a group of children in the UK had to adapt so quickly to so much change. Our Pinner Park children have risen to the challenge with resilience, determination and good humour. They are a very special bunch of young people and we are so proud of them. They are a credit to you.

This has, indeed, been an extraordinary year. We will always remember 2020. We look forward to seeing you in 2021! On behalf of the school staff and governors, I wish you all a very happy Christmas and I hope that everyone has a safe and happy break.

Best wishes,

Nick Waldron

Headteacher



Covid-19 communications during the Christmas break



The government has also asked that the school is available for the first 6 days of the holidays (including the weekend) to assist with contact tracing and informing families of the need to self-isolate where necessary.

Any child who has a positive test for Covid-19, and whose symptoms started this week, or up to Sunday, may have been infectious up to two full days prior to the onset of symptoms. It is really important that we are able to inform any close contacts of the need to self-isolate.

Please read the following information carefully so that we can help everyone to remain safe:

If your child develops COVID symptoms on either **Friday 18 or Saturday 19 December** and subsequently **tests positive** (even if the test result comes at a later date), please contact the school immediately using the office email address (office@pinnerpark.harrow.sch.uk).

When you send your email, please inform us of the date of the positive test result and the date when symptoms started. This will allow us to consult with DfE / PHE and then inform any children or staff who have been identified as contacts.

If your child develops symptoms after Saturday 19 December, you should get a test and respond to the advice from NHS Track and Trace if the test result is positive.

Flu Vaccine Catch-Up Clinics

Many Pinner Park children had the flu vaccine last week as part of the school immunisation programme.

There are some children who have not yet had the flu vaccine. This will be for a number of reasons including being absent from school, or because parents do not want children to have the nasal spray because it contains animal products.

There is good news for those families. Harrow is running catch-up clinics at the Alexandra Avenue Health and Social Care Centre. They are offering an alternative to the nasal spray, provided in the form of an injection. This alternative, known as the attenuated vaccine, is free of all animal products.

The clinic is open during the next week and appointments can be made..

The clinic does not offer a walk in service – places must be booked.

You can book by calling 020 8102 6333 or 07557 15810 or by emailing clcht.harrowimmunisationteam@nhs.net.



Come and Join our Lunchtime Team!

**WE ARE
RECRUITING**

We are recruiting kind, caring, and hard-working people to join our lunchtime supervisory team. Our lunchtime supervisors help our children to have safe, happy, healthy and active lunchtimes at school

If you are interested in the role, or know someone who might be, please visit <https://pinnerpark.harrow.sch.uk/job-vacancies.html> for more information.

Personal, Social, Health and Relationships Education

As a part of your child's educational experience at Pinner Park, we promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive taught programme of Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) that gives children and young people the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live healthy, safe, productive and fulfilled lives, both now and in the future.



The Department for Education has made some changes to relationships and sex education following nationwide consultation which came into effect from this September and all schools are required to comply with the updated requirements. The statutory guidance can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education>

The guidance focuses on healthy relationships and keeping children safe in the modern world. It also covers a wide range of topics relating to physical and mental health, wellbeing, safeguarding and healthy relationships. This year, relationships, along with Health Education, is statutory.

We have reviewed our relationships and sex education policy so we can be sure our teaching matches the guidance and also represents high-quality learning opportunities for the children.

As we develop our policy further, we want to work with a small group of parents to share our thoughts and to review our planned communications. If you would be interested in being part of that small focus group, please do let us know by sending an email to office@pinnerpark.harrow.sch.uk

Once we have worked with a small focus group, and amended our communications accordingly, we will share our policy and schemes of learning more widely with parents. This will take place next half term.

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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 10 days. The 10-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 10 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.

If any child has a positive test result, 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

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



CORONAVIRUS
STAY ALERT TO
THE SYMPTOMS














CORONAVIRUS TIER 3

VERY HIGH ALERT

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Around 1 in 3 people with Covid-19 have no symptoms so will be spreading the virus without realising. We must all take action to protect each other and our hospital capacity.

MEETING FRIENDS AND FAMILY  <p>No mixing of households indoors, or most outdoor places, apart from support bubbles. Maximum of six in some outdoor public spaces (e.g. parks, public gardens).</p>	BARS, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS  <p>Hospitality is closed, with the exception of sales by takeaway, drive-through or delivery.</p>	RETAIL  <p>Open.</p>	WORK AND BUSINESS  <p>Everyone who can work from home should do so.</p>
EDUCATION  <p>Early years settings, schools, colleges and universities open. Childcare, other supervised activities for children, and childcare bubbles permitted.</p>	INDOOR LEISURE  <p>Open. Group activities and classes should not take place.</p>	ACCOMMODATION  <p>Closed (with limited exceptions)</p>	PERSONAL CARE  <p>Open.</p>
OVERNIGHT STAYS  <p>We advise against overnight stays other than with household or support bubble.</p>	WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS  <p>15 guests for weddings, civil partnerships and wakes; 30 for funerals. Wedding receptions not permitted.</p>	ENTERTAINMENT  <p>Indoor venues closed.</p>	PLACES OF WORSHIP  <p>Open, but cannot interact with anyone outside household or support bubble.</p>
TRAVELLING  <p>Avoid travelling outside your area, other than where necessary such as for work or education. Further exemptions apply. Reduce the number of journeys where possible. Plan ahead and avoid busy times and routes on public transport. Avoid car sharing with those outside of your household or support bubble.</p>	EXERCISE  <p>Classes and organised adult sport can take place outdoors, but people should avoid higher-risk contact activity. Group exercise activities and sports indoors should not take place, unless with your household or bubble. Organised activities for elite athletes, under-18s and disabled people can continue.</p>	RESIDENTIAL CARE  <p>COVID-secure arrangements such as substantial screens, visiting pods, and window visits. Outdoor/airtight visits only (rollout of rapid testing will enable indoor visits including contact).</p>	LARGE EVENTS  <p>Events should not take place. Drive-in events permitted.</p>

For support and more information visit:
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