



Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020

## **Newsletter Number 4 – Autumn Term 2020**

Dear families,

You have probably noticed that there have been a lot of newsletters this term. Usually a newsletter is produced every two weeks, but in the circumstances, with so many things changing the newsletters are more regular. This is purely to keep you up to date as much as possible with what is happening in school, so please do take the time to read them.

Thank you for your support last week – it was such a busy but rewarding week. A reminder of what to do if your child is ill or has coronavirus;

### **What do I do if my child is ill or has Coronavirus?**

If your child has symptoms of coronavirus (new continuous cough, high temperature or a loss or change to sense of smell or taste) they need to immediately self-isolate and we advise going for a COVID test. All members of the household also need to self-isolate. Please call or email school to let us know.

If the test is positive your child will need to self-isolate for 10 days starting from the first day of symptoms and the rest of the household must self-isolate for 14 days.

If the test is negative, the child can return to school as long as they are symptom free and well.

You must send proof of test results to school through the school office email. We will not allow the return of any pupils until the test result has been viewed; [schooloffice@pensbyprimaryschool.org](mailto:schooloffice@pensbyprimaryschool.org)

If your child is unwell in any other way, they should stay at home as usual and you should call or email school to let us know.

### **How do I organise a COVID test?**

You can contact NHS through the website (see link below) or by calling NHS 119.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>

### **Latest update on School life...**

The main thing that all the staff has noticed is how much the children are enjoying being back in school. Even though they are in their class bubbles, it is clear to see the happiness that being together brings them. Some routines are different, but the children have adapted to them extremely quickly, showing a deep understanding of the reasons why some things are not quite as they were. This is amazing and the staff and I applaud the children for this amazing approach!

### ***Arrival and finish time slots***

Since the last newsletter the arrival and departure timeslots have been much better paced. As I mentioned 8.30am to 8.40am and 3.00pm to 3.10pm were the busiest slots but are now much better.

### ***Children walking home on their own /Morning Drop off***

Year 6 children have now started to walk to and from school on their own and they are being very sensible in doing so. Year 5 children will also be offered this, from this week (Mrs Wright will let families know via Seesaw when this will begin). If your child is in years 6 or 5 and wishes to walk to and from school, they will be required to adhere to some guidelines and if they do not keep to these we will not let them do so.

We would also like to help families by getting the morning 'drop off' system going again. For those new families to the school we allow cars onto the site (usually from 8.40 but we will extend this to 8.30am) and they can pull into the drop off lay by. From here the adult stays by the car, helps their child out of the car onto the path so the child can walk to the pedestrian gate and into school. The adult then drives away. We do not allow adults to walk their children from their car in the drop off into school or wait in the car while a second adult walks the child into school.

From tomorrow if you wish to use the drop off again the barrier will lift for you to do so. Please be aware that staff will be monitoring the drop off area and the car to ensure there is no authorised parking. Thank in advance for using the drop off as requests.

### ***Communication with staff***

Huge thanks for contacting school via email or phone call whenever you can. This is not our preferred way of communicating but at the moment it is the safest for everyone! Classroom and gate staff would like nothing better than to chat at the beginning of the day face to face, but again, please be aware that a short exchange is fine and longer exchanges will be discouraged. This is definitely the hardest part of the pandemic for us all as we do like a good talk!

### ***PTA Zoom Meeting***

A reminder that our first PTA Zoom meeting is tonight at 7pm. All are welcome to attend by signing in;

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82746088077?pwd=NzhiSUxpMVNHbDA3ak00eUJLdk5hdz09>

Meeting ID: 827 4608 8077    Passcode: 885890

### **Swimming**

We have access to the swimming pool at Stanley School on a Friday afternoons and would usually start the year with lessons for year 6 pupils. As we are adhering to Social Distancing guidelines and operating as two separate schools at the moment, we will not be arranging swimming for our children this half term. We will review this situation just before the half term break.

Keep safe, keep well,



Mrs. K Brown, Headteacher