



Federation of Pinvin C of E First School and St Nicholas C of E Middle School

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you are all well and are enjoying the Summer break?

It's almost time to return and embark upon the new academic year which is very exciting, therefore I wanted to write with a few reminders and updates in readiness for the children's return.

Start of term.

School reopens to pupils from Reception , Year 1 and Year 5 children on Monday 6th September. All other year groups return on Tuesday 7th September. Registration is 8.55am in both schools. SNMS gate opens at 8.30 and PFS gate opens at 8.40am. School ends at 3.15pm for PFS children and 3.30pm for SNMS children. Teachers at PFS will hand over children to parents on the playground at the end of the day. Buses will operate as before. Please remember no vehicles to be parked in the turning circle at all times.

School Uniform.

It is an expectation of both schools that **all** children wear the correct school uniform and correct school PE kit at all times. This is school policy and will be upheld at all times. Please also ensure all items of clothing are named correctly. I am aware that the office sent out the handbook to all parents at the end of last academic year, however if anyone is not clear on the correct uniform and PE Kit requirements please see handbook attached. Any queries, please contact office@pinvinfed.co.uk asap.

Equipment.

Children should have the correct required equipment as shared at their transition meeting. Water bottles should also be clearly named. Children are permitted to bring mobile phones with them for the purpose of communication with parents before arriving at school and when leaving school at the end of the day. Children are not permitted to use their phones during the day and parents should use the office to contact their children. There is a new mobile phone contract that parents and children will need to sign on their return in September. Mobile phones must be handed in at the start of the day and will be kept securely in a locked box and given back to the children at home time. Misuse of phones will result in the phone being confiscated and parents informed to collect.

Wrap Around Care.

We are pleased that we are able to continue to provide additional care for children booked into before and after school club provision in advance. Please note that this runs from 8.00 am in the morning and finishes at 17.30pm (a slight change to previous timings.) If you wish to book please see info below:

8.00am – 8.45am including breakfast: £4.50

3.15pm – 5.30 pm including a snack: £10.00

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Please email Rainbow@pinvinfed.co.uk to book your child/children in. All booking must be made by Thursday lunchtime for the following week.

Payments can be made via: Parentpay or childcare vouchers. Any queries please email finance@pinvinfed.co.uk.

Homework.

Homework will be via Google Classroom. Homework, other than the expectation of reading at home daily will begin from week commencing 13/9/21 to ensure all children have their log ins and are aware of how to access and use google classroom effectively.

School Transport.

I have been advised by a couple of parents that Worcester County Council are currently reviewing their vacant bus seats policy and are unable to confirm offers of seats for children who have not been guaranteed a place but have in the past been able to apply for a discretionary paid place. This has been brought to our attention by a parent who first saw a Facebook post advising parents to check the website and ensure they have alternative arrangements to get their children to school in September. Please see link for you to check if you think this applies to you. [Vacant Seat Payment scheme | Vacant Seat Payment scheme | Worcestershire County Council](#)

Lunches

Children will return to eating lunch in the hall from September. Can we remind parents that lunchboxes should be healthy – no fizzy drinks and no chocolate bars. We are also a nut free school. Children who require hot dinners can order on Parent Pay – Please note this must be done at least a week in advance.

COVID

We are very pleased that the guidance allows us to revert back to having all children in the dining hall and whole school assemblies. We will continue to encourage children to sanitise / wash hands regularly and follow the basic personal hygiene rules.

Children in Year 7 for whom parents have returned the consent form will be tested on Tuesday 7/9/21 on their return and again on that Friday. After that those children will be provided with home test kits which they should use twice weekly. Staff will continue to test twice weekly also.

Masks are no longer a requirement to be worn in school by staff or pupils in any areas, however masks should still be worn on school transport.

Bubbles are no longer required, however could be reinforced in the case of an outbreak.

Latest Guidance states: [Schools COVID-19 operational guidance - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/schools-covid-19-operational-guidance)

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Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:

- they are fully vaccinated
- they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Children will be sent home if they are displaying symptoms and should be tested. As always, if your child is unwell, please keep them at home and we would recommend a Lateral Flow Test to eliminate risk.

New Staff.

We are really pleased to welcome the following new staff to our Federation.



My name is Mr Hiron and I am really excited to be joining the team at Pinvin First School in September. I will be teaching Year 4 and I have already been made to feel very welcomed by the current Year 3 class and all of the staff. Outside of school, I enjoy walking my dog, watching the Worcester Warriors, cooking and travelling. I look forward to meeting everybody in September.



My name is Miss Holman. I am looking forward to managing Wrap Around Care and also working as a support assistant mainly in St Nicholas Middle School. I grew up in Devon and in my spare time I love going back to the beach. I also enjoy reading whilst spending time in the garden with my dogs. I would love to know what your favourite book is! I look forward to seeing you all in September and working with you!



Hello, my name is Mrs Parkin. I have been working in the Middle school for a couple of years and love being part of the Pinvin Federation. I am really looking forward to teaching in Reception class in September. I have a passion for Early Years and am excited to take up this new post and support the children as they start their educational journey in school.



My name is Mr Jones. I am very much looking forward to working with everyone at Pinvin First School. I am going to be working as teaching assistant in Year 3. I can't wait to get stuck in and inspire all children to reach their potential. See you all in September.

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Hello. I am Mrs Stanbrook. I am going to be working with Mrs Greenfield in Year 2. I have recently been supporting children at another local school and I am really looking forward to starting at Pinvin First school in September.



My name is Mrs Howes - Jones. I am going to be the new Teaching Assistant in Year 4 working alongside Mr Hirons. I look forward to meeting you all.



My name is Miss Mackenzie. I am so happy to be joining the Pinvin Federation as cover supervisor and I look forward to meeting and working with children from both Pinvin First and St Nicholas Middle school from September.

Wishing everyone a super bank holiday weekend and remainder of the holidays. Looking forward to the start of the new term and an exciting year ahead!

Best wishes

Mrs Jennings and all at The Pinvin Federation.

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