



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

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Please find below an update to the guidance for schools with any changes which will take effect from Monday 17th May.

Guidance regarding face coverings:

- From 17th May, in line with Step 3 of the roadmap, face coverings will no longer be recommended for pupils in classrooms or communal areas in all schools. Year 7 children will not need masks unless they travel on school transport.
- Face coverings will also no longer be recommended for staff in classrooms, but in all schools we continue to recommend that face coverings should be worn by staff and visitors in situations outside of classrooms where social distancing is not possible.
- Where schools are delivering education and training in a community setting, including extra-curricular activities and wraparound childcare, staff and pupils will be exempt from the legal requirement to wear a face covering if they are in a private room or the premises has been exclusively hired for the sole use of its pupils and staff.
- Parents are requested to continue to wear face coverings when collecting children off site due to mixing with the wider community.

Face coverings on transport:

- Children and young people aged 11 and over must still wear a face covering on public transport. In accordance with advice from PHE, they must also wear a face covering when travelling on dedicated transport to secondary school or college.

The reintroduction of face coverings for pupils, students or staff may be advised for a temporary period in response to particular localised outbreaks, including variants of concern. Immediate outbreak response (at the level of individual settings or a cluster of settings) remains for local directors of public health to advise on.

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Hand Hygiene:

Continued vigilance is vital and we will continue to ask children to clean their hands:

- when they arrive at the school.
- when they return from breaks.
- when they change rooms.
- before and after eating.

Maintaining Social Distancing:

The overarching principle to apply is reducing the number of contacts between pupils and staff. This can be achieved through keeping groups separate (in 'bubbles') and through maintaining distance between individuals.

- There will be no changes to the current bubble arrangements.
- Staff will continue to maintain a 2m social distance in classrooms as much as possible.
- Parents are asked to observe social distancing when dropping off or collecting children at school.

Ventilation:

Good ventilation reduces the concentration of the virus in the air, which reduces the risk from airborne transmission.

Windows and doors (excluding fire doors) will be open as much as possible. In the event of extreme weather conditions windows will be opened for 15 minutes every hour. All windows will be opened during break and lunchtimes whilst spaces are unoccupied.

Testing:

Year 7 children and staff should continue the twice weekly LFD testing arrangements. Please remember that lateral flow tests are designed to be used before you have any symptoms. If your child or any of your family are displaying any symptoms you still have to book in for a PCR test and isolate for ten days or until a negative result is received. Please inform the office of any PCR test results.

PE Days:

Children at St Nicholas C E Middle school need to continue to wear appropriate PE Kit on the days they have PE in school. The correct appropriate school uniform should be worn on other days. Pinvin First school children will continue to change in school and should have their PE kit in school on the correct days.

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Break and Lunchtimes:

No changes to the current arrangements, other than as the warmer weather comes, children may be directed to eat snacks outside.

Equipment:

Children should continue to have wipeable pencil cases or zipped clear polybags with the required school equipment. Pinvin First School children are provided with equipment in school. All children should have their own named water bottle as the water fountains are not in use.

Finally, two polite reminders:

Please can you remind children that additional unnecessary items such as football cards, fidget toys and 'popit, poppable fidget toys' etc are not permitted in school and teachers will continue to remove these from children until home time (unless it is a pre-agreed item as part of a child's personal plan). We are seeing increasingly more children bringing these into school and then distracting the learning of others.

Parents/carers should not be parking/dropping off in the turning circle or on the First school car park as this is a safety issue. Please can we ask that you respect this and keep everyone safe. We ask that you also considerate of resident's driveway entrances and road line markings when parking outside of school.

Have a good weekend,

Yours sincerely,

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