

Important Update – 3rd June

Dear parent / carer,

I am writing to you to provide further detail regarding some Year groups returning to school based learning next week.

A summary of any actions you need to take or important updates are below.

Summary for Nursery and Year R:

- Please ensure you have completed the survey regarding your child's attendance from next week. If you have not done this yet, this survey can be found by clicking: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=s23q1ha_kkmgEHn2jjmNvD3yCzJY2CJDkdGwITk_LydUMktINjRJODIZTORHUEhXRUIyRUkySk1GUC4u
- If you have made the decision not to send your child back next week, you must now give at least a week's notice if you change your mind and would like them to attend. Please let us know by email (office@penhaleinfantschool.org.uk) or by phoning the school (03333602185).
- It is essential that your child arrives and leaves school at the time set out for their bubble – if you have confirmed that your child will be returning to school, **you will be informed of this information by text tomorrow.**
- Your child must wear their Bubble wristband, we are providing these each morning when they arrive in school.
- Maintain social distancing at home.
- Introduce your child to the concept of the Family Bubble and the need to stay in the Family Bubble when at school. You can use this explainer video here <https://youtu.be/VG347gkQ5zM>
- Ensure your child wears clean clothes every day. They do not need to wear school uniform but they must wear clothes suitable for both indoor and outdoor sports. No sandals or open-toed shoes please.
- Refresh your child's understanding of our key school rules.
- If students are not able to engage appropriately at school, respecting social distancing and the need for Family Bubbles to remain apart from each other then we will have no choice but to ask that child to engage with distance learning at home.
- If your child shows symptoms or tests positive for Covid-19 do not send your child to school and inform the school office by phone.
- If a child feels unwell, they should alert one of their Family Bubble staff immediately.
- If a member of your child's bubble, student or staff, shows symptoms or tests positive for Covid-19 we will be asking everyone in that bubble to stay at home and self-isolate for 14 days.
- The latest **Government guidance is that wearing a face covering or face mask in schools or other education settings is not recommended.** Therefore, students will not wear masks whilst in school.

All other students must stay at home and continue to engage with their distance learning in the way they have done up to now. For the children of Key Workers requiring childcare will continue to be provided at school and parents should continue to provide **24 hours notice** of their intention to use this provision.

We will be opening as follows from 8th June:

Year group	First date students should attend school
Nursery	8 th June 2020
Reception	8 th June 2020

Opening Hours:

In order to welcome students back to Penhale Infant School safely and ensure social distancing we have introduced a staggered timetable for students returning to school based learning. **Our overall school opening hours are: 8:40-3:15, however, there will be flexible start times to allow for safe entry to the school.**

In addition, we are changing how students and parents enter and leave the school as follows: We will have a one way system in place – you will enter through the gate on Lincoln Road and exit through the gate on Penhale Road. Everyone will need to use the hand sanitiser before entering the playground.

Adults from the bubble will be waiting on the playground to take the children into the classrooms. **No parents will be allowed into the school building.** At the end of the day, adults will bring the children onto the playground ready to be collected by parents/carers as they keep to the one way system. Please ensure only one person arrives to drop off/pick up children.

It is very important that you stick to your drop off/pick up timings to ensure that we can maintain social distancing and keep everyone safe.

If you need to contact the school office, please do so by phone or email wherever possible. Parents/carers will only be allowed into the school office if it is absolutely necessary.

Additional information about returning to school:

Details on arrangements for: school lunches; uniform; face masks and keeping Bubbles safe can be found in the letter I sent before half term – <https://www.tsatrust.org.uk/about/coronavirus/check-your-schools-status/>

Where to look for further information

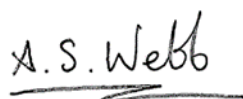
We have launched a dedicated website for information on our plans to return students safely to school.

The Thinking Schools Academy Trust is actively responding to ongoing developments with the Coronavirus outbreak so please use the links on this page for updated information on our response and what it will mean for you.

FAQs and information: www.tsatrust.org.uk/coronavirus

We look forward to safely welcoming some children back to school next week. We will keep under review our ability to safely accommodate children from other Year groups going forward. However, this will only be done when we are confident that this can be done safely.

Yours sincerely,



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