

Wednesday, 31st March 2021

Laughter, Smiles and Fun.

Dear Parents/Carers,

School Crossing Patrol

Josie has decided to retire at the end of May. We fully understand her decision though she will be missed by the parents, children and staff. After an assessment by the Crossing Patrol Service they are going to maintain a School Crossing Patrol after Josie leaves us. If anyone is interested in the post please apply through the link below with Pilsley on the list of schools looking for crossing patrols.

<https://jobs.derbyshire.gov.uk/education-non-teachingsupport-services-adult-social-care-and-health-school-crossing-patrol/23484.job>

Please note the post at Pilsley is for 7hrs per week.

School Dinners – Hot Meals

After Easter we will be maintaining eating in classrooms until our Risk Assessment of the current COVID situation says we can mix classes in to 'dual class bubbles' again. We will be providing hot meals for 4 days of each week with one day, the Thursday, being sandwiches. This is because some of the meals are difficult to present cleanly and safely in classrooms. We will not exactly match the school lunch menu so please see the list provided.

Week A	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
w/c 19 th April	Breaded Chicken	Organic Beef Burger in a Bun	Roast Turkey with Stuffing & Gravy	Sandwich Choice Ham, Cheese, Tuna or Egg	Fish

There will be a vegetarian option on hot meal days.

Parent Hub and the School App

We would encourage ALL parents please to download the Parent Hub as per the instructions below so if there are teething problems we can sort them before our return on April 19th. We will be switching fully to Parent Hub from the end of April.

Nursery Places

For the first time in a very long time we have spaces within our Nursery moving forwards, especially from September 2021. We are not sure if this is due to the Lockdowns and parents not taking up or requesting places for their children as they thought school was closed.

If you are looking for a place in our Nursery in the future we would encourage you to get in touch ASAP via the school office on 01773 872378, or info@pilsley-pri.derbyshire.sch.uk. We are also about to send out a Nursery Flyer which has the links to further information and the nursery place request forms.

Changes to the Test and Trace Support Payment for Parents

Parents and carers of children who have been advised to self-isolate by their education setting or by NHS Test and Trace are now able to apply for a Test and Trace Support Payment or discretionary payment of £500, if they meet the eligibility criteria.

Parents and carers should apply to their local authority to receive a payment. Applications for the Test and Trace Support Payment scheme are made via the local authority in which the parent or carer resides, not the local authority where the setting is situated, if these are different.

To be eligible applicants must meet all of the criteria that:

- they are the parent or guardian of a child or young person in the same household and need to take time off work to care for them while they self-isolate. This is limited to one parent or guardian per household for the child or young person's self-isolation period
- they are employed or self-employed
- they cannot work from home while undertaking caring responsibilities and will lose income as a result
- they meet all the other means-tested eligibility criteria for a Test and Trace Support Payment or locally determined criteria for a discretionary payment

That their child or young person:

- is aged 15 or under (or 25 or under with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHC)) and normally attends an education or childcare setting
- has been told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace or by their education or childcare setting because they have been identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19)

Nurseries, schools, colleges and further education providers are required to provide a letter to all parents or carers of the children advised to self-isolate, to support their application to the Test and Trace Support Payment scheme. **If you intend on applying when/if a school bubble closes please let the school know.**

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/test-and-trace-support-payment-scheme-claiming-financial-support/claiming-financial-support-under-the-test-and-trace-support-payment-scheme?utm_source=22%20March%202021%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19

Return to School

At this point, the school will be maintaining our structure of COVID safety on the school return. We will not be relaxing any of our procedures until Government advice indicates a review. We will continue to take a cautious approach.

See you all on Monday, 19th April. Have a good Easter and hopefully we can all get some sunshine outside with our families.

Take Care



Headteacher and the Pilsley Staff Team

Pilsley Primary School

would like you to join their school on Parent Hub.

Just tap “Join a School ” in the app and enter the handle below...

@PilsleyPri

The Parent Hub app is FREE to download and use.

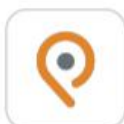


What is Parent Hub?



Parent Hub is a FREE app that helps keep you up to date with what's going on at school. You'll receive messages, pictures, documents and newsletters, all in one handy place.

Instructions for Parents



1. Download the Parent Hub app from your app store (iPhone or Android).
2. Create yourself an account.
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