



Pendle Community High School & College

Rated **Outstanding** in all areas Ofsted 2017

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

18th September 2020

Dear parents and carers,

I just want to say thank you for all your messages of support and understanding during this time. It is wonderful to see the students back in school and enjoying being with their friends and classmates again.

Now that everyone is back in a routine, I am going to change the transport window to 15 minutes instead of the half hour. This still allows for some flexibility but also avoids clashing with Pendle Vale students who now enter in year groups via all the fire exits and so cross over our drop off and collection points. Pendle Vale aim to be in for an 8:45 start and open their doors at 3:15 to finish. This means that either 400+ (sensory garden entrance) or 600+ (main car park) students are all passing through the area at the same time as us.

To avoid these busy times, the drop off and collection times from Monday will be:

drop off 8:50 – 9:05
collection 2:55 – 3:10

For parents that transport your child to school, please ensure when you arrive that you keep your child in the car or stood with yourself socially distanced from other people if you have walked. Please keep within these windows to enable us to manage students as safely as possible in and out of school. **If you arrive later than this, then please go to reception to drop off/ collect your child.**

For independent students that arrive early, please set off 5 minutes later than normal. We will notify LCC for those students eligible for transport.

Lunch-time/ Dinners

We have negotiated more options for our students at lunch and all our pupils are now able to order hot dinners from a choice of 3. In addition, those going to the refectory can also order a panini, pasta or sandwich grab bag.

Please note that if your child is on FSM and they need to self isolate you will be able to collect a food parcel from school to cover his/ her lunch for the week.

Swimming and hydrotherapy

There is still no swimming (Year 7s) and no hydrotherapy. This will be reviewed at half term and will be in line with the most up to date Govt. guidance and local lockdown restrictions.



COVID-19 symptoms

If your child has any of the following symptoms please do not send them into school and get a test.

HIGH TEMPERATURE This means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back.

A NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH This means coughing a lot more than usual for them, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24hrs.

A LOSS OR CHANGE TO YOUR SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE This means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything.

Financial support

As Pendle is in local lockdown the Government are offering financial support to people who are on low income/on benefit that need to self isolate. Link below

https://www.pendle.gov.uk/info/20030/community_advice_and_guidance/529/covid-19_support_for_individuals/5

Bubble closures

In the event of a bubble or zone self-isolating the staff will continue to engage with the students via zoom and through homework packs that will be sent home. Please ensure your child's form tutor has an email address through which to contact you

Also, in the event staffing levels of a class/ bubble are reduced (due to self-isolating or other absence) it may be necessary for a class / bubble to be sent home or instructed to remain at home until safe levels of staffing can be maintained

Once again, I thank you for your understanding during this time and hope that you and your families take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely



Ms Debra Grogan
Head teacher