



# Pilgrim News



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## *Proud to be ... forever Pilgrim.*

*Jesus said, “I have come in order that you might have life—life in all its fullness.”  
(John 10:10).*

*This is the precept upon which our Pilgrim School is founded. We are committed to enabling each member of our community to flourish. Following the role model of Christ, we constantly strive to be His pilgrims.*

Dear Parents / Carers

We're back together at last!

After nearly six months, it is an absolute joy to see classrooms full of children busy with their learning and to hear happy voices calling out on the playground outside my office – all things that we once took for granted; I have to confess to feeling rather emotional as I walked around the school on the first day of term. All the staff have worked so hard to make our reopening such a success; I want to take this opportunity to thank each of them for all that they have done. One of the highlights of my week so far, was leading a virtual worship with the whole school on our first day back. Our time of worship has always been so important to us at Pilgrim, so it was a wonderful experience to 'meet' together as a community once again.

Your children have been amazing and have settled quickly into their new routines. I realise that our staggered timings must be a challenge for many of you and I truly appreciate your support and encouragement as we seek to fulfil the guidelines to keep you and your children safe. Please remember how important it is to arrive on time for drop off and collection so that we can continue to manage the entrance points safely. Also, as hard as it is, can I remind everyone of the importance of maintaining a social distance when waiting for your children.

A huge welcome to those of you who have just joined our school. Although things are rather different at the moment, I want to assure you we are here to support you on each step of your Pilgrim journey.

### **Welcome Meetings and Parent Consultations**

We will very much miss being able to hold our usual Welcome Meetings and Parent Consultations during terms 1 and 2 due to the restrictions in place. However, we are keen to keep in touch with you all and provide an opportunity for you to discuss how your child has settled back into school. During the weeks beginning Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October and Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October we would like to offer parents / carers of children in years 1 to 6, a phone call with the class teacher. In order to facilitate this, we would like each of you to email your child's class teacher using the email address below to provide the following information:

- Preferred day of the week for phone call consultation
- Preferred time of day ie morning / afternoon / late afternoon
- Preferred phone number for contact

Year Group	Contact Email Address
Year 1	<a href="mailto:year1@pilgrim.medway.sch.uk">year1@pilgrim.medway.sch.uk</a>

Year 2	<a href="mailto:year2@pilgrim.medway.sch.uk">year2@pilgrim.medway.sch.uk</a>
Year 3	<a href="mailto:year3@pilgrim.medway.sch.uk">year3@pilgrim.medway.sch.uk</a>
Year 4	<a href="mailto:year4@pilgrim.medway.sch.uk">year4@pilgrim.medway.sch.uk</a>
Year 5	<a href="mailto:year5@pilgrim.medway.sch.uk">year5@pilgrim.medway.sch.uk</a>
Year 6	<a href="mailto:year6@pilgrim.medway.sch.uk">year6@pilgrim.medway.sch.uk</a>

Acorns and Oak Trees will arrange their parent consultations at a later date.

### Drop Off and Collection Points

Please remember to maintain social distances with other households when waiting with your child, keeping away from the road, to ensure everyone's safety.

Year Group	Entrance Point	Drop Off Time	Collection Time
Acorns	Carpark gate	9.00 am	12.00 noon
Oak Trees	Pedestrian gate onto top playground	9.00 am	3.30 pm <b>from w/b 21 09 2020</b>
Year 1	Pedestrian gate onto lower playground	8.45 am	3.15 pm
Year 2	Green field gate onto lower playground	8.45 am	3.15 pm
Year 3	Carpark gate	8.45 am	3.15 pm
Year 4	Carpark gate	8.30 am	3.00 pm
Year 5	Pedestrian gate onto lower playground	8.30 am	3.00 pm
Year 6	Green field gate onto lower playground	8.30 am	3.00 pm

### Relationships and Sex Education Policy

From September 2020, all primary schools are required to teach Relationships Education. They will also be required to teach Health Education. Our new Relationships and Sex Education Policy is now on our website for you to read. We would welcome any comments or questions you may have in relation to the policy which can be accessed on the webpage via the following link:

<https://www.thepilgrimschool.co.uk/our-school/policies>

### Admission to Secondary School September 2021

Please note applications for secondary school places opened online on Monday 7th September 2020. All admissions must be completed by Monday 30th November 2020. To register online, go to:

<https://admissions.medway.gov.uk/Synergy/Parents/default.aspx>

## Defibrillator



As a school, we are very fortunate to have a defibrillator donated to us by a local company based in Strood called Amaro, who have supported us over the years. The company has committed to maintaining this valuable resource and this week returned to replenish the necessary pads, ensuring we have a fully operating defibrillator on the school site. We are so grateful for their generosity. Although we truly hope we will never have to put the defibrillator to use, it is so reassuring to have it on site. It was lovely to meet the team from Amaro on Friday and we took the opportunity to take a photo in the sun to celebrate!

## Information Updates

Please be aware that things can change very quickly at the moment and we will continue to use the school website and school app to notify you of arrangements as soon as possible.

### And finally, ...

Our focus for worship this term will be rebuilding our school community. Here is a prayer we will share with your children, asking God to bless our coming days together:

*Dear God who gives generously,*

*We want to give wisely:*

*We will give all we can in our friendships and family.*

*We will give all we can in our work and in our play.*

*We will give all we can as we rebuild our school community.*

*We will give all we can.*

*Amen*

Although things may still seem quite uncertain, the team at Pilgrim will continue to 'give all they can' to ensure a safe and happy return for all your children.

Welcome back.

Mrs Mepsted