

Communication Channels

We are using a variety of methods to communicate information to you this term and reducing the need for paper copies of letters/newsletters.

The main method is on our school app and via the class seesaw. Most parents have now downloaded the Seesaw App and can receive messages and announcements from your child's teacher and whole school announcements. If you are still not connected to Seesaw please contact the school for your child's personal QR Code to start using the Seesaw App.

Instructions for School App

You can download the app from google playstore or applestore by searching for piota schools.



In the search box type in the name of our school and look for our school logo.

I'm afraid the app does not work on a Windows phone.

The Parent Council also posts copies of any letters/communications on the Parent Council Facebook page and Parents of Penilee page. We also send text messages and are beginning to send e-mails using Groupcall. In order for this to work, we need to have up to date phone numbers and email addresses. Please remember to inform us if your details change.

Coronavirus Update

Thank you to everyone for obeying our social distancing rules and wearing face coverings in the playground and at school gates when dropping off and picking up children. Please remember, parents are not allowed inside the school building unless you have an appointment. Try to avoid coming to the front door for any reason as the more people that use the front door, the greater the chance of the virus spreading.

We are continuing to take every precaution in school to keep the children safe. Hand washing/sanitising routines are in place. Staff wear face coverings around the school and when within 2 metres of children. The day cleaner continually cleans surfaces around the school including door handles, toilets, sinks, railings. At playtime and lunchtime, all classroom surfaces are cleaned and rooms are kept well ventilated. Now that the weather is getting colder, please encourage your child to bring a warm jumper that they can wear in the class- we are trying to strike that balance between adequate ventilation and ensuring rooms are warm enough

Christmas Activities

Due to the on-going situation, Christmas activities will be a bit different!

Each class will record an item for our 'Virtual Christmas Concert' – we will edit it together and put it out on Seesaw for 10am on Thursday 17th December (it will remain available for you to watch after this date)

- Wednesday 16th December – Christmas Dinner
- Thursday 17th December will also be Christmas Jumper day
- Friday 18th pm Christmas Parties
- Tuesday 22nd Schools closes at 2.30pm for the Christmas break

We are currently trying to organise for Santa to visit P1-P3 'virtually' since he can't visit in person!

Healthy Snacks

We are continuing to encourage the children to bring a healthy snack for playtime as we are a Health Promoting School. Please limit the sugar content in snacks as these can have an affect on children's concentration and focus.

Pupils should not have fizzy or high energy drinks. Please ensure the children have their snacks in their bag before 9am as drop off at front door is not permitted. Thanks for your co-operation.

Traffic Around the School

Many parents have been complaining about the traffic around the school at 9am and 3pm, and the lack of care when parking around the school at these times.

Please remember it is an offence to park or stop on the yellow zig-zag lines – we will pass registration numbers onto the Police of people who are doing this as it is causing a danger to our children. Please also refrain from parking on corners as this obstructs other drivers' view and is a great danger to pedestrians. I'm sure we all want to keep our children safe, so please give this a bit of thought. Please try to park away from the school and walk down to meet your child. Keep our school community safe for everyone.

Attendance

Good attendance and time keeping is essential to ensure your child continues to make appropriate progress in school. At the moment, there is enough disruption due to periods of self-isolation. Please don't self-isolate your child unless you have been advised to do so by Public Health's Test and Protect team or the school on behalf of Public Health.

I understand your anxieties around Covid 19 but please bring your child to school if they are well and have no reason to self-isolate.

The school monitors attendance and any concerns will be related to you via letter or the Home School Liaison worker who may visit or phone you.

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