

Penguin Pals News

Valley Invicta Primary School at Kings Hill



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KINGS HILL

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Our Restore Plan for Penguin Class

It has been wonderful to welcome Penguin Class and some of our new members back to school. Some of our older pupils have made some excellent suggestions for our new Penguin Classroom so keep your eyes peeled for some exciting new pictures!

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Rescue and Recovery

Our Rescue and Recover Curriculum will focus on Wellbeing and use resources from a well-known educational professor, Barry Carpenter. Each week the children will share stories, activities and discussion around the following areas:

- Relationships
- Community
- Being confident Learners
- How we all learn differently
- Finding their voice

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These will complement the work that has been done and will be done to develop areas outlined on our pupils' EHC Plans.

Effective Strategies

We are working as a staff through training and debrief to ensure effective support and strategies are used to empower our pupils to work within the SRP but also their mainstream classroom.

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Systematic Approach

Using our Staff Development Days, we have worked with all staff in a systematic approach to provide the necessary skills and strategies to manage the needs of all our pupils. Following Government guidelines, for the interim, we have created staggered start times which has meant that all SRP pupils will start at 9am. We do understand that, in the cases of siblings, this may be challenging and we have made provision for this through a waiting area in the hall.

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Break times and lunchtimes have also needed to be staggered to ensure the safety of all our pupils and staff. A personalised visual timetable will be sent home on Friday outlining our current timings and general structure of each day. As this changes, we will inform you in advance. As well as visual timetables, we will also be sharing social stories to help the class further understand these short-term changes that have needed to be made.

Transform and Thrive

All Penguin Class pupils are transforming into their new Year group and we understand that this will have its own challenges. Due to the Covid-19 measures that all schools across England are needing to put in place, it has been necessary to make decisions about which 'bubble' children mainly access, and that for some pupils in Penguin class it is not in the best interests of the child, or their academic and social development to be fully based just in the SRP bubble as they need the opportunities that they enjoy accessing with their peer group. In order to enable the children to thrive, we have planned and discussed with them preferred placement, either within the mainstream classroom bubble or the Penguin Class bubble for the majority of their time over the first 2 weeks of term.



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Those pupils who have shown a wish to integrate with their peers, will still be able to access all outside spaces and one of the Penguin Classes if this is needed. For the pupils who are part of their mainstream bubble, they will have direct support from a member of our SRP staff and still be involved in intervention. This will be the same person throughout that day. After the first 2 weeks of term, this will be reviewed across all of the Trust SRPs.

Once we are able to return to our more fluid ways of working, when the regulations and safety measures for schools have been reviewed by the government and PHE, then we will immediately be able to return to the previous way that the SRP operated, but that for the safety of all of our pupils and staff, in the SRP and in the main school all children need to be based, as much as is possible, in their appropriate bubble.

Oracy

As we all settle into our new routine, it is important that we ensure that pupils, parents and staff are able to voice their successes and concerns. We will continue to post pictures and messages on Class Dojo and individual portfolios. Due to the current situation, we are still unable to do contact books so a general comment about their school day will be added to their portfolio on Dojo. Any difficulties or concerns about a specific pupil will be shared with parents personally.

Now we are back to school full-time, we are no longer using the messaging service on our Dojo. Please contact the office directly and these will be passed on.

Reading

Many of our Penguins take huge amounts of pleasure in reading and we want to continue to engage them with this. Pupils will now be able to take reading books home but for any for whom reading at home is an issue, we will continue our reading sessions in school.

Every child succeeds

We are so proud of how well our class have done for these first days and are excited for the rest of the academic year. We are aware that we could not have our Penguin Pals day as planned so we will plan to have an additional one this year in term 2. Penguin Class and a few other selected pupils in the school will be taking part in an enterprise project that we will talk to them about over the coming weeks.

