



# NEWSLETTER

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## Headteacher Message

As we finish the first half term of the year, I would like to express my sincere thanks to our hard-working, dedicated staff team for keeping the school open throughout the last few weeks. It has only been possible due to their extensive commitment and team-work. I'm proud to see teachers and support staff still delivering a first class education in such challenging circumstances. I would also like to acknowledge the work of our admin and site teams who have kept our families well informed and the site fully operational. Also, our kitchen and lunchtime staff who have provided lunches in very difficult circumstances with all the appropriate safety measures in place. It has certainly been an unusual phase in our school history!

I would like to give a very special mention to our cleaners who have had a particularly difficult job. They have worked relentlessly to keep our building clean and reduce the chance of infection. Thank you to you all for helping to keep us safe. Earlier this week we moved into Tier 3 lockdown measures. These measures came into effect today. This means that households cannot mix. Please can we remind parents that unfortunately children must not go to play at their friends' houses over the half term holidays. I'm sure this is sad news for families, especially with Halloween approaching, and it is certainly not our usual half term holiday. We have sent a SchoolPing message out earlier this week which shows a summary of the new regulations we should be following. We hope you find it useful.

From everyone at Partington Central Academy, we would like to wish you all a happy half term and hope you all stay safe. We look forward to seeing the children when they return on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

Anita Edwards – Executive Headteacher



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Attendance Week Ending 23.10.20	
R	88.8%
Year 1	92.7%
Year 2	88.1%
Year 3	90.7%
Year 4	90.8%
Year 5	92.6%
Year 6	90.5%
Whole School (weekly)	90.8%
Whole School (Sept to date)	95.5%
<b>Target 97%</b>	

## Year 5 PE

Year 5 pushed themselves, got their heart rates up and had lots of fun during their PE session, successfully completing the 5LA fitness lesson. Miss Allen and Mrs Preston were extremely proud, and impressed, with everyone. You definitely tested Miss Allen's running too during our 'duck duck goose with a twist' game! Well done Year 5!



## Terrific Time Keepers



The winners this week are 3SI, 5AF, 5LA and 6CB

What an achievement!  
Well done!  
Remember - Be on time at twenty to nine!

Smoke Free Zone:  
Please remember that our school is a Smoking Free Zone. Please support us by not smoking at the school gates. Thank you.

## LOCAL COVID ALERT LEVEL

**VERY HIGH****Social Contact**

1 household / bubble in most locations, indoors and outdoors. Rule of six applies in some outdoors settings like parks, public gardens and sports courts.

**Weddings and Funerals**

Up to 15 guests for weddings and up to 30 guests for funerals. 15 for wakes and related ceremonies. Wedding receptions not permitted.

**Overnight Stays**

Those in area advised against overnight stays in other parts of UK. People outside area advised against overnight stays in area.

**Working from home guidance**

Work from home where possible.

**Shopping and Retail**

Open.

**Leisure and gyms**

Any closures or additional restrictions subject to consultation.

**Hospitality**

Pubs and bars must close except where they operate as a restaurant, meaning they can only serve alcohol with a substantial meal. Further closures subject to consultation.

**Entertainment and tourist attractions**

Any closures / additional restrictions subject to consultation. Nightclubs and adult entertainment remain closed.

**Education**

Schools, FE colleges open. Universities must reflect wider restrictions with option to move to greater online provision.

**Healthcare Services**

Open.

**Residential Care**

Closed to external visitors other than in exceptional circumstances.

**Travel and Transport**

May continue to travel to open venues, but reduce number of journeys where possible. Avoid travel where possible in or out of the affected area with exceptions including work and school.

**Sporting Activity**

Organised sport / licensed physical activity allowed in outdoor settings. Indoor organised sport must to low social contact rules (other than youth or disabled sport).

**Worship**

Open, subject to social contact rules.

**Childcare**

Registered and wraparound childcare. Supervised activities permitted in private homes. Children's groups permitted. Childcare bubbles for under 14s.

**Youth Clubs and Activities**

Permitted.

There are three simple actions we must all do to keep on protecting each other:



**Wash hands**  
keep washing your hands regularly



**Cover face**  
wear a face covering in enclosed spaces



**Make space**  
stay at least 2 metres apart - or 1 metre with a face covering or other precautions

For more information and detailed guidance visit:  
[gov.uk/coronavirus](https://gov.uk/coronavirus)

**Christmas Card Competition**

Across the school from Reception to Year 6, the children have been designing Christmas cards for a competition.

Each year Kate Green (the MP for Stretford and Urmston) runs a Christmas card competition through the local areas.

The winning design will appear on the front of the card, and designs by the 4 runners up and a selection of other entries will be printed inside the card. Each child at PCA has designed a card and then classes voted for 2 cards per class to be sent off for the competition. Let's hope someone from our school is lucky enough to be chosen for the cards.



Here are some children from 2HW getting started on theirs!

**Family Feast Night-In**

Enjoy a family feast at home up to the value of £60, in our Autumn Term

**'Attendance Prize':**  
All students with 97% or better attendance, will be entered into the prize draw in December.



The Dean Trust  
Portington Central Academy

See the school's website for full details. COVID absences will NOT be counted against a student.

Please note, if your child has been absent because of COVID or school closures – these absences will not be counted against them.

See the school website for more details.