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Booking form for Week 10 Onsite Provision (Monday 25 to Friday 29 May)

The Booking form for Key Worker Parents and the parents and carers of those students considered vulnerable for the period Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May is now open.

Link: [Booking Form](#)

In line with the Cabinet Office and Department for Education guidance, if children can stay safely at home, they should. Please complete the booking form for next week by no later than **5:00pm** on **Friday 22 May**. This is so we can ensure we have the appropriate level of provision set up in school.

Please note, as next week is half-term we will be operating with reduced staffing in school. As a result, at lunchtime we will only be offering a cold sandwich service.

Should you need to make a new booking, or make amendments to an existing booking after the deadline please email enquiries@penistone-gs.uk.

Booking form for Week 11 Onsite Provision (Monday 1 to Friday 5 June)

The Booking form for Key Worker Parents and the parents and carers of those students considered vulnerable for the period Monday 1 to Friday 5 June will open for bookings on Wednesday 27 May. The link to the booking form is below.

Link: [Booking Form](#)

We would ask that you complete the booking form for Week 11 onsite provision by no later than **9:00am** on

Friday 29 May. This is so we can ensure we have the appropriate level of provision set up in school.

Should you need to make a new booking, or make amendments to an existing booking, after the deadline please email enquiries@penistone-gs.uk.

Update: Wider Opening of Penistone Grammar School

Further to our communication with you in last week's bulletin, and the continuing coverage and speculation in the media about the gradual reopening of schools from 1 June, we thought it beneficial to reiterate our position at this time.

We would like to reassure you that the health, safety and wellbeing of our students, staff and wider community will always be our priority. We are currently working through a comprehensive risk assessment process to establish the safest and most appropriate way in which we can offer some face-to-face support to those students in key examination years prior to the summer. This includes facilitating suitable and appropriate adaptations to our infrastructure in order to keep everyone safe.

As a result, on 1 June 2020 we will continue to offer onsite provision for the children of Key Workers and for those students considered vulnerable only.

We will keep you updated in terms of our plans moving forwards and intend sharing further details with you after half-term.

May Half-Term Holiday

Just a reminder that, as next week is May half-term, we will be scaling back our operations in school to ensure our students, their families, and our staff can benefit from a well-deserved rest.

This means that we will not be setting any work for completion by students via Frog. We will however; continue to offer onsite provision for children of Key Workers and those students considered vulnerable. We will also continue to provide free school meal allowance to eligible families over the holiday period, as well as arranging for food parcels to be delivered on Friday 29 May to those who need them.

We hope you and your family find time to relax together during next week. Please stay safe and we will keep our finger's crossed that the good weather continues!

Information for students in Year 11

We have been contacted by a number of students in year 11 enquiring about the procedure for collecting

various items from school, including leavers' hoodies, and how they can return locker keys. We are finalising plans to facilitate this and will be in a position to confirm the arrangements after half-term. We thank you for your patience in the interim.

Mental Health Awareness Week

As this week is Mental Health Awareness Week, we wanted to remind you about all the amazing resources on our [Mental Health and Student Support page](#) within Frog.

The theme for this year's Mental Health Awareness Week is 'kindness', which absolutely resonates with our 'Be Supportive' Core Value. In a time when we are experiencing such adversity, we have had the privilege of witnessing so many acts of kindness first-hand. Each day we see students brightening our community by decorating their homes with rainbows, young people undertaking feats of endurance to raise money for charity, friends supporting each other through the ups and downs of lockdown and our amazing staff team going above and beyond to ensure every one of our students is supported. Kindness is clearly at the heart of our community, and we are proud to be a part of it.



“At times like these, when the World feels upside down
Kindness can be the key to turning things around
You see, kindness has the power to
create community, support and hope
A helping hand says you're not alone
when you face that upward slope
Of course, being kind is always the right thing to do
But did you know that doing good is also good for you?
You see, a little act of kindness can
boost your mental health
It can lower stress and cheer your
mood to think of someone else
And of course, don't forget to be kind to yourself
It doesn't have to take a lot,
'cause even the smallest spark
Can be the thing to light the way when
someone's world feels dark
So, make that call, share that gif, send some happy post
And this is Mental Health Awareness Week
Remember: kindness matters most”
www.mentalhealth.org.uk

Year 6 Transition Website

If you haven't yet had opportunity to check out the new transition pages on our website, we strongly

recommend you do, particularly if you have children starting with us in September 2020! You can access the pages via the following link: <https://penistone-gs.uk/transition/>.

While you're checking out our website, don't forget to follow our dedicated transition Twitter account: @PGSTransition #Classof2025.

Thank you, Sky Engineers!

Finally, we would like to say a huge thank you to Sky and their team of Engineers who are supporting us to deliver food parcels each Friday to members of our local community! If you or a family you know would like support please contact us via email to enquiries@penistone-gs.uk.

Useful links

We have included below quick links that have been shared over recent weeks that you may find helpful:

Key Worker and Vulnerable Booking Form:
[Booking Form](#)

Requesting support with Frog when you cannot log in to the system:
[Frog Support Request](#)

Supporting the mental health and wellbeing of our students during the school closure period:
[Mental Health Frog Page](#)

Instructions on how to download the My FROG App:
[My FROG App download instructions.](#)

Student Assignments from 20 April:
Walk-through Video
[Student Assignments from 20 April](#)

Contacting school by email (general enquiries):
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Follow us on Twitter:
@PGSALC

Sending us your Proud Thursday submissions:
prouthursday@penistone-gs.uk

Contacting our Post-16 Centre:
post16@penistone-gs.uk

Contacting our Transition Team:
Email: transition@penistone-gs.uk
Website: <https://penistone-gs.uk/transition/>
Twitter: @PGSTransition

#StaySafe Get Active Competition Details:
<https://travelsouthyorkshire.com/StaySafeGetActive/>.

New Library Development:
[Mrs Demetriou's blog](#)

Become a Friend of our new PGS Library:
[DonateMySchool](#)

