

AMALGAMATION UPDATE



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Dear Parents/Carers, Pupils and Staff,

As we start the second half of the Spring Term here is an update on all the work that is going on towards the amalgamation of Pinner Park Infant & Nursery School and Pinner Park Junior School to form Pinner Park Primary School. At this time school leaders and the governing bodies of both schools are working very hard, mostly in the background, to make sure the essential aspects of forming the amalgamated school are in place.



*Safe, happy and
successful together.*

We will end the Spring Term as two separate schools and then we will return after the Easter Holiday to one, joined school – **PINNER PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL**.

Above all, our pupils will return to high quality education, where they can all feel safe, happy and successful.

There will be no major changes on that first day, or during the start of the Summer Term, to the day-to-day arrangements for children. Children will still enter and leave the school at the same place and time, and you can continue to visit the school offices as you do today.

You will notice the new school logo will be appearing on signs, the school website and school communications after the Easter holiday.

Our school uniform providers are already producing uniform with the new school logo but children will not be expected to be wearing this straight away. It can be replaced over time as children outgrow or wear out their current school uniform.

WORKING TOWARDS AMALGAMATION

Governors and school staff continue to meet regularly to plan and prepare for the amalgamation.

ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION

- If you have not already had a chance, please take a moment to complete our parent/carers survey so we can gather your views on how to make Pinner Park Primary School be the very best school it can be. The survey will be available online until Friday 8th March 2019. www.surveymonkey.com/r/PinnerPark
- Governors and school leaders will follow up on any key areas raised as a result of the survey.
- A new website is being developed and will be launched when the primary school opens in April.

GOVERNING BODY

- The balance of roles on the governing body of the new school has been agreed. Harrow Council will review and approve the recommendation.
- Over the coming weeks the Governing Body will be reconstituted and will be looking recruit volunteers to become parent governors.
- Elections for parent governors will take place if necessary.

LEADERSHIP

- The process of recruiting the headteacher for the combined school is well underway.
- The application deadline has closed and candidates are being shortlisted.
- An announcement on the leadership arrangements for the Summer Term will be announced in March.
- The vision and ethos of the school will build on the visions of the current schools, our work with staff, pupils and the parent survey.

FINANCE & INFORMATION SYSTEMS

- School leaders and business managers from both schools will be working together to plan how the budget for the current year will be spent.
- Work has been carefully planned to bring our infrastructure together. Our IT Support provider has worked hard over the half-term holiday to begin the work required.
- Some IT equipment in classrooms will be updated so that all classrooms have the latest display screen technology which hugely supports children's learning.
- We will ensure consistent communication systems are used across the whole school.

STAFFING STRUCTURE

- Senior Leaders from both schools continue to meet regularly. Year Group Leaders and Subject Leaders from both schools will be working together over the coming weeks carrying out "learning walks" across both schools and starting the process of producing a joint "Home School Agreement" for the combined school.
- At the start of the Spring term staff from both schools came together for a joint INSET Day and started to explore each other's schools. A further INSET day is planned for April 23rd

where all staff will work together to make sure everything is ready for the combined school to open to pupils on Wednesday 24th April.

- Senior Leaders are busy planning the staffing of the school for the Summer term and beyond and are in the process of recruiting new teachers to join the team in September.

POLICIES, CURRICULUM & SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

- School Leaders have combined a number of essential school policies in advance of amalgamation and will be sharing these with school governors for review and approval. This includes:
 - Safeguarding & Child Protection policy
 - School Security policy
 - Health & Safety policy
 - Critical Incident policy
 - Staff Code of Conduct
- Approved policies will be available via the school website.

SCHOOL SITE & PREMISES PLAN

- Work continues to plan how the school site could be developed over time to ensure the easiest and most secure access for all.
- Accessibility, safeguarding and security are key priorities.
- With current infant catering contract coming to an end in July a tendering process has begun to identify a company suitable to provide hot school meals for all pupils from September 2019. This will involve some reconfiguration of the current catering facilities.

If you have any questions or comments about the amalgamation please do contact the school office teams who will be able to direct your enquiry appropriately.

Please spare a moment to complete our very short survey about your school:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/PinnerPark



To celebrate the launch of Pinner Park Primary School we are planning special events to mark the occasion.

We are grateful to Pinner Park PTA for their support with these plans.



Information about the amalgamation is available on each school's website by following the amalgamation links on the home pages.

<https://pinnerparkinfant.harrow.sch.uk/>
<http://www.pinnerparkjuniorschool.co.uk/>