Dear Parents and Carers

Our primary schools have had a successful second week since welcoming back children in nursery, reception, year 1 and year 6 on Tuesday 2 June. The children have adapted really well to the new hygiene and social distancing measures and are enjoying being with their friends and teachers.

You may have seen in the news earlier this week that the government has dropped plans for all primary school pupils to return to school before the summer holidays. We know this will come as a disappointment to many families, however it is not possible to accommodate all children in our schools and maintain the social distancing requirements to keep our pupils and staff safe. We will keep parents updated where we have capacity for more children in our schools.

Archbishop Holgate’s School are looking forward to welcoming back Year 10 and 12 students from Monday next week. For more information about the arrangements for returning to school, click the following link to read our Returning to school guide for students and parents.

We hope that all families continue to be safe and well and, as always, if you have any questions or concerns you can contact your child’s school by phone or email. You can also contact Pathfinder directly by emailing info@pmat.academy.

Archbishop Sentamu retires

The Archbishop of York Dr John Sentamu began his retirement this week after laying down his crozier of office on the high alter of York Minster last Sunday.

In his 15 years in office, Archbishop Sentamu has taken a keen interest in Archbishop Holgate’s as the school’s patron. He has also served as one of Pathfinder’s three Members since the formation of the Trust in 2016.

He has taken an active role in the life of Archbishop Holgate’s School, interacting with thousands of people in the school community over the years. He has preached at several of the school’s annual Christmas Carol services, led acts of collective worship, spoken at the schools speech nights and Young Leaders award ceremonies and accompanied many students on the yearly pilgrimage to Taizé.

All of the staff and students at Archbishop Holgate’s School and across Pathfinder Multi Academy Trust wish Archbishop Sentamu every blessing in the future and a long and happy retirement.

Coronavirus Privacy Notice

Our new privacy notice to reflect the additional data collection and processing required as part of the coronavirus pandemic response can be found by clicking here.

Coronavirus: information and advice

You can find everything you need to know, including all the latest information and updates on the Pathfinder website by clicking latest updates button.
See what’s been happening at home and in our schools this week...

Archbishop Holgate’s student Abigail made an amazing periodic table out of biscuits.

Children at New Earswick have been practising their sewing skills making colour monsters.

Rufforth Class 3’s home learning project - How does your garden grow?

Fantastic artwork using chalk and pastels by pupils at Tang Hall and Hempland.

Archbishop Holgate’s new classroom block

The construction of Archbishop Holgate’s new maths block and resource centre continues to progress well. The three storey modular building features a large library and resource centre along with a separate inclusion unit on the ground floor. The two remaining floors include 12 classrooms, offices and toilets.

Work to prepare the site, including the demolition of the previous inclusion unit and laying of new foundations, began in March. The installation of the 54 individual modules which make up the new building took place during the last two weeks of May.

Other improvements to the school site include a new science lab, food technology room, two IT rooms, changing rooms, improved Year 11 social area and additional toilets.

The Happy Place Festival is a month long virtual festival taking place from 12 June to 12 July and features performances, tutorials and speakers promoting mental and physical wellbeing. Visit www.happyplacefestival.com for more information.