



# Pickwick Papers – Edition 5 – Term 1 – Oct 2021

## Welcome from James Passmore (CEO)

Welcome to the first edition for 2021-2022 of our Pickwick Papers Trust newsletter.

It has been another very busy term in all our schools across the Trust, and it has been great to return to more of a normal school way of life over the last couple of months.



Like all schools nationally, however, we have started to experience rising covid cases in some of our schools, and have therefore had to reintroduce some local mitigation measures (please see next page for latest Public Health Wiltshire advice).

Over the summer holidays, we were delighted to welcome three new schools into the Pickwick family – Greentrees Primary School, Pitton CofE Primary and Winterslow CofE Primary; and have established north and south Wiltshire ‘hubs’ of schools within the Trust.

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone in these schools and across the Trust for supporting the conversion process; particularly the school and central business and admin teams who worked tirelessly during the summer and over the last 6 weeks to ensure everything was in place and all staff got paid on time!

As a result, the Pickwick family now includes 8 schools (over ten sites) with 340 staff, and has the privilege and responsibility of educating over 2600 children.

This term has certainly challenged us at times, and I would like to reaffirm my sincere thanks to all the staff in our schools. With half term nearly upon us, I hope you have a relaxing and enjoyable break, and I look forward to seeing you in Term 2!

## Governor vacancies

Can you help us? Would you like to make a positive difference to our children’s education?

Several of our schools have vacancies on their Local Governance Committees (LGCs).

Being a school governor is a challenging but hugely rewarding role. It will give you the chance to make a real difference to children’s education, give something back to your local community and use and develop your skills in a board-level environment.

To see if there are vacancies at your child’s school please contact the school office.

## Clerk to Governors

We are recruiting for a Clerk to Governors at Aloeric Primary School and Ivy Lane School. Please email or ask at the school office for more information.

## Twitter

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## Latest Public Health Wiltshire COVID advice

We have consulted Public Health Wiltshire who have provided updated guidance that if you/your child:

- has been in close contact with a positive case (such as a household member)
- is displaying covid-19 symptoms
- and has tested positive on an LFD (but subsequently tested negative on a PCR test)

you/they are treated as covid positive and should isolate for 10 days from the start of symptoms.

National guidance remains clear that if you/your child still feels unwell after a negative test, you/they should stay at home until feeling better.

Whilst lateral flow tests are not usually recommended for primary-age children, the latest Public Health Wiltshire advice is that primary pupils who are identified by NHS Test and Trace as close (or household) contacts can undertake daily testing whilst waiting for the results of a PCR (at the discretion of parents).

Test kits for primary-aged children can be accessed via [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) or at a pharmacy.

## Our schools

Aloeric Primary School - [www.aloeric.wilts.sch.uk](http://www.aloeric.wilts.sch.uk)

Corsham Primary School - [www.corsham-pri.wilts.sch.uk](http://www.corsham-pri.wilts.sch.uk)

Greentrees Primary School - [www.greentrees-school.com](http://www.greentrees-school.com)

Ivy Lane Primary School - [www.ivylane.wilts.sch.uk](http://www.ivylane.wilts.sch.uk)

Ludwell Primary School - [www.ludwell.wilts.sch.uk](http://www.ludwell.wilts.sch.uk)

Pitton CofE Primary School - [www.pitton.wilts.sch.uk](http://www.pitton.wilts.sch.uk)

Queen's Crescent Primary School - [www.queenscrescent.wilts.sch.uk](http://www.queenscrescent.wilts.sch.uk)

Winterslow CofE Primary School - [www.winterslow.wilts.sch.uk](http://www.winterslow.wilts.sch.uk)

## Parent Webinars

Our suite of pre-recorded webinars, remain available to all parents and carers across our Pickwick schools via these links and on our website.

[Resilience for Learning and Well-being](#)

[Helping your child cope with anxiety](#)

[Digital Parenting](#)

## Trust Priorities 21-22

1. Secure strong outcomes and progress for children
2. Ensure all schools are active, supportive and positive centres of their communities
3. Celebrate and communicate successes in schools, encouraging innovation
4. Develop a new People Strategy
5. Integrate new schools and LGCs
6. Develop strong local, national and international links
7. Further develop IT infrastructure across the Trust
8. Embed our new finance system
9. Promote eco-friendly and sustainable practices in schools
10. Explore if further schools would like to join us
11. Further improve our premises and learning environments



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