

# East Ardsley Primary Academy Newsletter

26/03/2020

Menu Week no: 2



**Attendance:** Congratulations to classes 2 and 10 had 100% attendance this week - you were our attendance stars. (Children absent due to isolating are not included in these numbers) Well done to you all!

## What we have been up to this week:-

As we draw closer to the Easter break we are keenly awaiting news of any changes that may happen when we return. We are hopeful that after the holidays we may be able to have more children out at playtimes together so that we can further extend the children's friendship groups and relationships. We will let you know any changes next week as soon as we have received the latest advice.

The poor Forest School in particular is needing a bit of a break and the opportunity to recoup after so many children using it every day. Some of the trees are quite literally falling down, so we are going to have to have some of them cut back or even cut down. It will give us lots more wood for the children to make their dens with, but fewer trees for a while to play in. We will make sure that they are replaced as quickly as possible so that we can get it back up and fully functioning. Whilst the children will not be going down every day, they will be timetabled a weekly slot as we know how much they are enjoying it and how much they have got out of it.

There has been something of a panic started by us sending a small number of children home with tummy aches, headaches and one or two having been sick in school. These are all perfectly normal illnesses that we deal with all the time and we certainly do not feel we are dealing with anything more nefarious than the sorts of bugs and viruses we see at the start of the Autumn term when the children have not been in school over the summer.

Some of the children are feeling poorly because they are tired, feeling unsettled or overheating in some of our classrooms. They are all washing their hands regularly and using the hand sanitisers all around school so we do not anticipate that any bugs or viruses will spread far as long as we are maintaining these standards.

If you are worried that your child may have COVID you can get him or her tested. As soon as you decide a member of your household needs a test you must self-isolate until the result of that test is known. If your child has been in school in the previous 48 hours and tests positive then we may need to close a bubble in school. We ask that you keep us informed about any possible or confirmed cases so that we can prepare for the possible outcome in school. Staff in school are testing twice a week so we will know straight away if any of them tests positive for COVID.

Children who are self-isolating will have work set on Teams and any workbooks sent home as soon as we know the outcome of the test, and have confirmed that self-isolation is necessary. This is usually Day 2. As in lockdown, you can borrow any equipment you may need from school, and you will be issued a voucher if you have an entitlement to free school meals. We are also still running the Boxes of Hope for any families who are struggling, whether or not you are self-isolating.

**Ms Talbot**

## Dates for your Diary:

*Any dates prior to 22.6.21 parents will not be able to attend.*

*Some of the activities listed below may have to be moved if changes to Government guidelines are made.*

2.4.21	School closes
19.4.21	School opens
21.4.21	Class photographs
26.4.21	Assessment Week
3.5.21	Bank holiday school closed
27.5.21	Wake Up Shake Up Day
28.5.21	School closes
7.6.21	School opens
14.6.21	LKS2 Sports Day
21.6.21	UKS2 Sports Day
28.6.21	Assessment Week
1.7.21	KS1 Sports Day
5.7.21	Year 6 Concert Week
12.7.21	Year 5 Concert Week
23.7.21	School closes

We ask that all KS2 children bring a change of footwear for playtimes. This is to try and protect the carpets in school which are taking quite a battering. Wellies are a great option, or an old pair of trainers.





## What Parents & Carers Need to Know About

# WHATSAPP

**16+**  
In UK & EU;  
12+ rest of  
world.

WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service, with around two billion users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, and making voice and video calls. The app offers end-to-end encryption, meaning messages can only be read by the sender and the recipient(s). Not even WhatsApp can read them. Updates to its privacy policy in 2021 reportedly caused millions of users to leave the app. But the new policy was widely misinterpreted: it only related to WhatsApp's business features, not to personal messages.

### Prize Scams

WhatsApp users occasionally receive messages from unauthorised third parties or fraudsters pretending to offer prizes – encouraging recipients to click a link to win. A common scam involves warning that someone's WhatsApp subscription has run out, aiming to dupe them into disclosing payment details. Other scams include instructions to forward a message to earn a gift or reward.

### Enabling Fake News

WhatsApp has unfortunately been linked to accelerating the spread of dangerous rumours. In India, some outbreaks of mob violence were reported to have been sparked by false allegations shared on the app. WhatsApp itself took steps to prevent its users circulating hazardous theories and speculation in the early weeks of the Covid-19 pandemic.

### Connections with Strangers

To start a WhatsApp chat, you need the mobile number of the person you want to message (they also need to have the app). WhatsApp can also access the address book on someone's device and recognise which of their contacts use WhatsApp. If your child has given their mobile number to somebody they don't know, that person could then use it to get in touch via WhatsApp.

### Ephemeral Messaging

By enabling the 'disappearing messages' option in a chat, users can send messages that will vanish from WhatsApp after seven days. Parents may want to take note of this new feature, which makes monitoring what children are talking about on the app problematic. Equally, if someone sends your child an inappropriate message, once it has disappeared there is no way to prove any wrongdoing.

### 'Only Admins' and Cyberbullying

Group chats and video calls are great for connecting with multiple people in WhatsApp, but there is always the potential for someone's feelings to be hurt by an unkind comment or joke. The 'only admins' feature gives the admin(s) of a group control over who can send messages. They can, for example, block people from posting in a chat, which could make a child feel excluded and upset.

### Live Location Sharing

The 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, allowing friends to see their movements. WhatsApp describes it as a "simple and secure way to let people know where you are." Indeed, it is a useful method for a child to let loved ones know they are safe. But if your child is in a chat with people they don't know, it means they will be exposing their location to them, too.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### Report Potential Scams

Advise your child not to engage with any message that looks suspicious or too good to be true. When your child receives a message from an unknown number for the first time, they will be given the option to report that number as spam. They can also report a contact or a group as spam by tapping on the contact or group name to open their profile and scrolling down to 'report spam'.

### Explain about Blocking

If your child receives spam or offensive messages, calls or files from a contact, they should block them. Communication from a blocked contact won't show up on their device and stays undelivered. Blocking someone does not remove them from your child's contact list – they would also need to be deleted from the device's address book. The option to block someone is on their contact info screen.

### Create a Safe Profile

Even though someone would need your child's phone number to add them as a contact, as an extra precaution it's worth advising your young ones to restrict who can see their photo and status. The options are 'everyone', 'my contacts' and 'no one'. Choosing one of the latter two ensures their profile is protected.

### Leave a Group

If your child is part of a group chat that makes them feel uncomfortable, or has been added to a group that they no longer want to be part of, show them how to use the group's settings to leave. If someone exits a group, the admin can add them back in once. If they leave a second time, it is permanent.

### Use Location Features Sparingly

If your child needs to use 'live location' to show you or their friends where they are, advise them to share their location only for as long as they need to. WhatsApp gives 'live location' options of 15 minutes, one hour or eight hours. However, your child can manually choose to stop sharing their position at any time.

### Delete Accidental Messages

If your child has posted a message in the wrong chat or sent a message that they immediately regret, they can delete it. Tap and hold on the message, choose 'delete' and then 'delete for everyone.' WhatsApp allows seven minutes to delete a message after it's sent – but it's important to remember that recipients may have seen (and taken a screenshot of) a message before it was deleted.

### Fact-Check Messages

You can now fact-check messages that have been forwarded at least five times in WhatsApp, by double-tapping the magnifying glass icon to the right of the message. From there, your child can launch a Google search and decide for themselves whether the message was accurate or not. It's a good way to encourage young people to question things they see online.

### Meet Our Expert

Parveen Kaur is a social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about improving digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media arena and is the founder of Kids N Click, a web resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.



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328W – Primary 3-7 Programme

328X – Primary 5-11 Programme

Or access the new portal on the [Gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) website.

**Helpful telephone numbers-** Leeds Anti - Social Behaviour Team: 0113 222 4402

Childline: 0800 11 11      Leeds Domestic Violence 24 hour helpline: 0113 2 460401

Out of hours service for ongoing noise 6.00 pm -3.30 am: 0113 395 0143      NSPCC: 0808 810 800      Leeds Domestic Violence 24 hour helpline: 0113 2460401

Home Start-Support and friendship for families 0113 244 2419 or email [office@home-startleeds](mailto:office@home-startleeds)





## East Ardsley Cricket Club Under 9s

East Ardsley Cricket Club is on the lookout for new players in our under 9's team (school years 3 and 4). We are a friendly, welcoming club with three senior teams and junior teams from under 9s up to under 17s. We boast several ECB level 2 coaches and weekly matches in the Heavy Woollen league and cup.

All coaches are DBS checked and there is at least one First Aid trained adult in each age group.

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