

East Ardsley Primary Academy Newsletter

07/05/2021

Menu Week no: 3



Attendance: Congratulations to classes 2, 4, and 5 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:-

I am sorry that I have not been out at the start of day this week, but we have been struggling all week with staff absences. We have tried to cover these as best we can but it does inevitably lead to some disruption. Fortunately we have a lot of fantastic staff who have made sure that the children have had as much routine and consistency as possible.

It certainly hasn't stopped the children all practising lots for our annual Wake Up Shake Up competition. The children are all keen to learn their routines to their chosen piece of music. We then have a full on competition day when they all see one another's routines and our judges score them against a given criteria. It is all very serious but lots of fun too!

I am aware that some parents are still struggling to get suitable hoodies for PE days so we have agreed that the children can wear their school sweatshirt or cardigan instead on these days. We do still want the children to wear school PE kit:

Plain grey, black or navy tracksuit bottoms, leggings or shorts
Plain white T-shirt
Plain grey, black or navy hoodie, sweatshirt or school sweatshirt or cardigan
Black or white trainers

Your child will be reminded in school if they are not wearing the correct PE kit and a text message will be sent home as a reminder. We want the children to feel uniform and part of our school on PE days in the way they do on other days.

As you know we have our Parents Evenings next week on the 11th and 13th May 2021. If you have not yet booked your appointment please do so as soon as possible. Each appointment slot is only 10 minutes so you will be asked if you have any concerns at the start of the appointment to make sure these are addressed.

We are expecting more news on possible changes to the COVID restrictions in school over the coming week and hope that we will be able to reintroduce a few more of the learning opportunities we have been missing out on during lockdown.

We are aware that a lot of people are keen to book holidays as soon as they are able. School's attendance policy has not changed and we are still unable to authorise holidays in term time. We do ask that you complete a leave of absence form to let us know that your child will not be in school should you choose to take them out during term time. Any absence of 5 days or more will be fined unless you have proof that the holiday was reorganised by a holiday company due to lockdown. Please submit this with your leave of absence form.

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 have changed and may still have to be moved if changes to Government guidelines are made.

11.5.21	Parents Evenings (virtual)
13.5.21	Parents Evenings (virtual)
27.5.21	Wake Up Shake Up Day
27.5.21	School closes
28.5.21	Inset Day
7.6.21	Inset Day
8.6.21	School opens
8.6.21	Year 2 Creepy Crawly Show
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
12.7.21	Growth Mindset Week
19.7.21	Transition Week
23.7.21	School closes

Remember to wear your mask on school grounds and to socially distance on the playground.

Online Parents Evening – 11th and 13th May 2021

We will be holding on line parents' evenings on Tuesday 11th May and Thursday 13th May 2021 from 4.00 pm until 6.00 pm. (On Tuesday 11th May, Class 3 will start at 5.00 pm until 7.00 pm). Appointments are timed and will last for 10 minutes each.

The appointments booking system is open and will close for bookings on Thursday 13th May at 1.30 pm. Should you wish to make any changes after this date please contact the school office.

Please visit <https://eastardsley.schoolcloud.co.uk> to book your appointments. An instruction guide is included with this letter.

Could a Career in Teaching Be for You?



The **Westerton Partnership** provides high quality **Initial Teacher Training** to those looking for a bespoke and innovative PGCE programme which is fully school-based. Led by Westerton, the partnership is made up of fantastic schools across West Yorkshire that provide great places to train to teach. **Visit our school website** to find out more about starting your career with the Westerton Partnership and inspiring young people for the rest of their lives. To train to teach with the Westerton Partnership, you can **apply now!** Visit the UCAS web-

site and search for the following course codes:

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

Video: Parents - How to attend appointments over video call

In order to make video calls you need to have as a minimum:

a device with a microphone and speaker/headphones

a compatible up-to-date web browser:

iPhone/iPad: Safari **Note: there is a known issue joining video calls using iOS 14.2. Please upgrade any iOS 14.2 devices to iOS 14.3, or use an alternate device.**

Android: Chrome or Firefox

Windows: Chrome, Firefox or Microsoft Edge (Chromium - [download here](#))

Mac: Safari, Chrome or Firefox

Linux: Chrome or Firefox

We also recommend:

Using your smartphone for video appointments. If you don't have a smartphone with a front-facing camera, use a laptop or computer with a webcam.

Using a headset (or earphones with a microphone) to reduce echo.

How to attend your appointments via video call

1. Log in and go to the Evening

On the day of the video appointments (or before, if you want to test your camera and microphone) login to Parents Evening at the usual web address for your school, or click the login link from the bottom of the email confirmation you will have received.

Once logged in you will see a notice that you have upcoming video appointments and under this the details of the event, along with a *Join Video Appointments* button.

Press the button to join your appointment on the day - or to test your camera/microphone at any time.



You have upcoming appointments which take place by video instead of in-person.

Video Appointments

Press the button below to access the video call or to test your camera/microphone prior to the start of your first appointment.

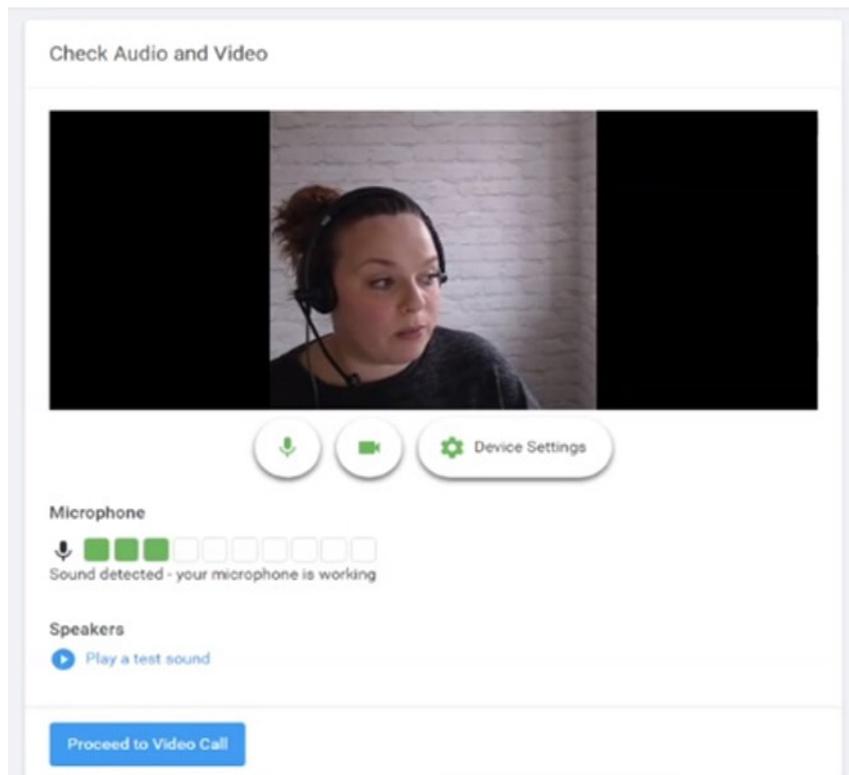
January Progress Meeting

First appointment: 12/01/2021 16:00

[Join Video Appointments](#)

2. Check Audio and Video

When you click *Join Video Appointments* the *Check Audio and Video* screen will be displayed. You may at this point be asked if you wish to allow access to your camera/microphone, in which case please click yes.



From here you can turn on or off your microphone and camera, change which devices are being used for the call, and check your microphone and speakers. Once you are happy, click *Proceed to Video Call*.

3. The Video Call

On this screen you can see the following, when in a call:

At the top left the teacher name (and subject details) for the current and next appointment

At the top right a countdown to the start of the appointment.

At the bottom the controls for the microphone and camera.



When another person is available these also show a pick

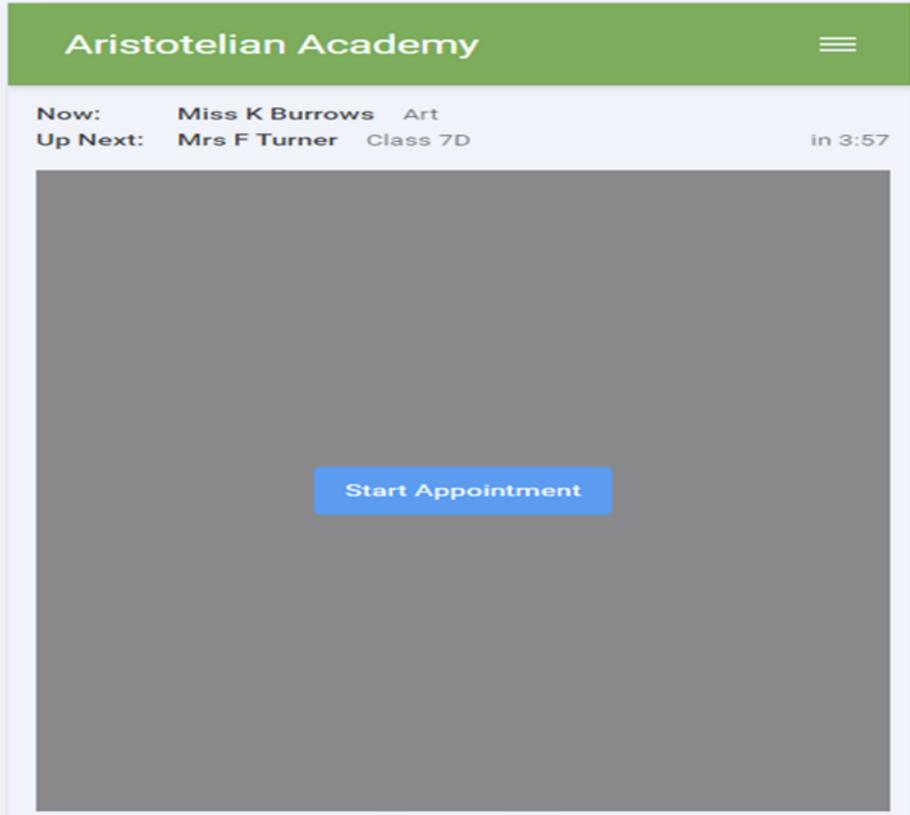
up button to start the call



and a hang up button to leave the call.

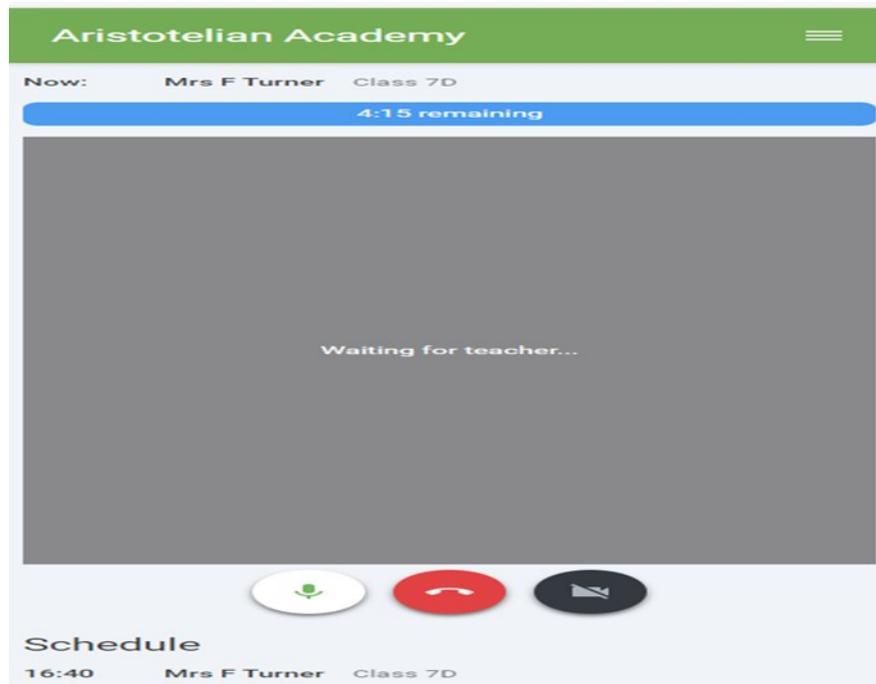


In the middle, when your appointment is due to start, the *Start Appointment* button.



4. Making a call

Click the *Start Appointment* button. You will see yourself in the bottom right corner of the screen (unless you have no camera, or have chosen to turn it off). If the teacher has not yet joined you will see a notice to that effect in the centre of the screen.



When a teacher joins a call you will see them in the main part of the screen - or hear them, if they have no camera (or have turned it off) - and can start your discussion with them.

You will also see the remaining time for the appointment counting down in a blue bar at the top of the screen, which will turn red when the last 10 seconds begin.

If anyone loses access to the system for some reason during the call, they can log in again and click *Start Appointment* on the video call screen. As long as the other person is still in the call this will let you continue with the appointment.

When the countdown in the blue bar stops the appointment time is over and the call will automatically end.

Note that if you or the teacher are late, or leave and rejoin the call, it does **not** reset the timer.

The appointment will always end at the scheduled time.

5. Follow on calls

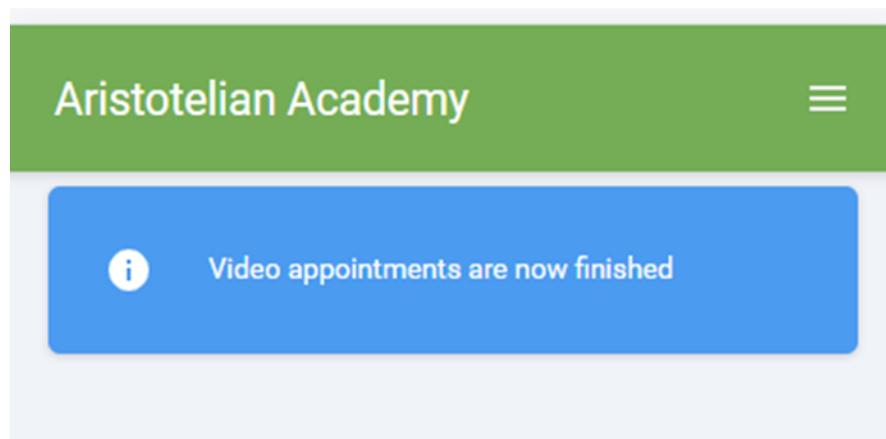
If you have a consecutive appointment scheduled the screen will display a *Start Next Appointment* button. When you are ready to proceed, click on it

Note that if you delay starting a call it does **not** extend the duration for that appointment.

The appointment will always end at the scheduled times.

If you do not have a consecutive appointment, but you have not completed your final scheduled appointment you will see a countdown telling you how long until the start of your next appointment.

Once your final appointment for the evening is complete you will see a message advising you of this.





What parents & carers need to know about ...

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Among Us is one of the most popular games of 2020. A space-themed 'social deduction game' where 4-10 players take on the guise of Crewmates, who must complete various tasks around their spaceship, while randomly selected Imposters must try their hardest to sabotage the others' efforts. The Imposters have to remain undetected through rounds of voting to win. While Among Us is a largely safe game, it's still prudent to be aware of any potential risks young ones might encounter when playing.

Inappropriate chat



While Among Us can be enjoyed locally via wi-fi, it is commonly played online. Between rounds, players come together to discuss who they think the Imposter is with a text chat, and it's here where children will come into contact with others. There is a profanity filter on the game as standard, but it can very easily be disabled and (like any unmoderated chat groups) children can be exposed to inappropriate, sexual or explicit language.

In-game purchases



Among Us is currently available on both PC (via the gaming service Steam) and mobile devices. On the PC, the game costs a flat amount of £3.99 and has some in-game purchases, whereas the mobile version is free to play but contains adverts and in-game purchases. You can pay to remove the ads or purchase in-game cosmetic items. While these amounts are relatively low, there's still the possibility that young ones could accidentally spend lots of money on the game without realising it, as the process is complete in a couple of taps if a card is connected to your store account.

Risk of hacking



Among Us has been the target of hacking activity. Indeed, only recently the game's developer, InnerSloth, tweeted advice that users play private games or with people they trust, in response to hacking issues. As yet, there has been no breach in player accounts. However, if a big enough hack were to take place and player details were accessed, it could lead criminals to having access to credit card data and other personal credentials.

Use of external apps



Many players use external apps like Discord to voice chat with each other while they're playing. The problem with this is that it is unregulated by the game. Usually on Discord, players will only talk to other people they know in private chats, but a stranger could add a child on an external app: pretending to be interested in playing Among Us with them, when in reality they could be attempting to bully, groom or extort.

Mild violence

The art style of Among Us is cartoony but does contain some very mild violence. Imposters must kill off Crewmates one by one and can do this in a number of different ways. Some younger children might find this uncomfortable and could get scared or become upset when an Imposter is chasing them, or if they are the Imposter and are forced to kill. An age rating of PEGI 7 should help guide you in deciding if the game is appropriate or not.



Safety tips

Play with your children

Playing with your kids is one of the best ways to understand the game, and what makes it so popular. Among Us is free on mobile and is incredibly easy to pick up and play. It's also a great way to bond with your young ones - unless of course you're the Imposter or vote them out of the spaceship! You can do this by picking 'Local' on the main menu then 'Create Game'.

Use private lobbies



Among Us uses private lobbies to let players keep track of who they're gaming with. Using a uniquely generated code that can be given to friends prior to a game starting, it gives parents peace of mind knowing who their kids are playing with. To get a game code, simply select 'Host', choose the game settings, press 'Confirm', then send the six-digit code at the bottom of the screen to friends to invite them.

Deactivate credit cards



Having your credit card automatically paired with any online accounts that can be accessed by children is asking for trouble. A solution could be setting them up with their own account with no credit card attached. They can still ask you when they want to make a purchase, but it's totally up to you as and when that transaction happens.

Use an alias

By default, your name on Among Us will be set to whatever name your device recognises you as. If this is your child's real name, you'll want to ensure they change it before hopping into a game. This is really easily done by clicking 'Online' on the main menu, then simply typing in a new name at the top of the screen.



Talk about the risks

It's a good idea to talk to your child about the risks associated with online gaming, especially when there are chat options and an ability to communicate with others. Try to maintain an open dialogue with your child: talk about their experiences of the game and who they're playing with. This will help you to stay on top of how they're feeling and ensure they know they can come to you if ever they feel upset or uncomfortable about anything they've experienced.

Meet our expert

Mark Foster has worked in the gaming industry for five years as a writer, editor and presenter. He is the current gaming editor of two of the biggest gaming news sites in the world, UNILAD Gaming and GAMINGbible. Starting gaming from a young age with his siblings, he has a passion for understanding how games and tech work - but more importantly, how to make them safe and fun.



Sources: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.innersloth.spacemafia>

www.nationalonlinesafety.com Twitter - @natonlinesafety Facebook - /NationalOnlineSafety Instagram - @nationalonlinesafety

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Testing Summary

Around one in three people with COVID-19 have no symptoms and will spread it without realising. Regular rapid testing (using Lateral Flow Tests) can help find cases of COVID-19 and stop the spread of the virus. There are a number of options in Leeds for residents to access testing.

Where to access rapid asymptomatic testing:

[Order a test kit to your home.](#)

[Use the link here to order: https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests](https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests)

[Collect a home test kit from a](#) local pharmacy.

Find your nearest pharmacy here: <https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>

Test on-site at Leeds Beckett University test centres:

City Campus, LS1 3HE (Monday to Friday 8.30am to 2pm)

Headingley Campus, LS6 3QS (Monday to Friday 9am to 2pm)

[Collect a home test kit at a local PCR test site after 2.30pm:](#)

Mandela Community Centre, Chapeltown Road, Chapeltown LS7 3HY

Temple Green, drive-through centre near junction 45 of the M1

Bridge Community Church, Rider Street, Burmantofts LS9 7BQ

Gryphon Sports Centre, University of Leeds, Woodsley Rd, Leeds LS2 9LZ

Pudsey Civic Hall Car Park, Dawsons Corner, Stanningley, Pudsey LS28 5TA

Fearnville Leisure Centre Car Park, Oakwood Lane, Gipton, LS8 3LF

[Collect a home test kit at a](#) local Community Hub:

Armley Community Hub & Library, 2 Stocks Hill, Armley, LS12 1UQ

City Centre Community Hub, Woodhouse Lane, LS2 8LX

Deacon House Centre, Seacroft Avenue, Leeds, LS14 6JD

Dewsbury Road Community Hub & Library, 190 Dewsbury Road, LS11 6PF

Halton Library, 273 Selby Road, LS15 7JR

The Compton Centre Community Hub & Library, Harehills Lane, Harehills, LS9 7BG

The Reginald Centre, Chapeltown Road, Leeds, LS7 3EX.

Opening hours 10am to 4pm Monday to Friday, and 10am to 1pm on Saturdays (except City Centre Community Hub which doesn't open Saturdays).

Key messages:

Rapid community testing is only for people with **no symptoms**.

If you have symptoms of coronavirus, including:

A high temperature

Continuous cough

Loss of / change in taste or smell

You will need to book a different test, called a PCR test, at nhs.uk/coronavirus or by calling 119.

You should take two rapid asymptomatic tests during a week-long period.

If you do take tests at home, you'll need to report your results online or on the phone.

If you test positive, you, and everyone you live with, must self-isolate immediately for 10 days. Only leave home for your follow-up test. You should arrange your confirmatory PCR test immediately by booking online at nhs.uk/coronavirus or by ringing 119.

If you test negative, you should continue to follow the preventative measures currently recommended for stopping the spread of the virus. To protect yourself and others, you must remember: **Hands. Face. Space. Fresh Air.**

For more information:

Please see the Leeds CCG website for local information about testing <https://www.leedsccg.nhs.uk/health/coronavirus/coronavirus-where-to-go-for-testing/>

Please visit the gov.uk website to order a home test kit or to find your nearest local pharmacy collection point

<https://www.gov.uk/find-covid-19-lateral-flow-test-site>.