

East Ardsley Primary Academy Newsletter

14/1/2022

Menu No. 2



Congratulations to Class 12 who have 98.7% attendance this week - you were our attendance stars.

What we have been up to this week:

This week has been a tricky week for attendance. We have had covid cases in the staff and children and with the guidance constantly changing it is hard to keep track of what we should and shouldn't be doing.

As of Monday 17th January 2020 the children will be allowed to return to school on Day 6 if they have had a negative lateral flow test on the morning of Day 5 and then again on the morning of Day 6 before the start of the school day.

Unfortunately, as with all the guidance changes, if you test positive before Monday you have to follow the existing guidance. That will mean you have to self-isolate for 7 days and if you test negative on Day 6 and Day 7 you can return to school on Day 8.

There has to be 24 hours between two negative lateral flows before your child can return to school unless you have done 10 days of isolation. At this point you no longer need to do lateral flow tests and your child can return to school.

Please contact school if you are uncertain about when your child should be off or if they can be in school. Our office staff are an amazing source of information and support and what they don't know they will find out for you.

We are struggling a little bit with attendance this year as all covid cases are now logged as illness. This means that if your child has been off for 10 days with covid they will not be able to meet school target of 97%. We are awaiting further guidance from the Department of Education with regard to this and will keep you informed of any changes as they happen. Be assured we are looking at absences due to covid when we go through the children whose attendance is not on track to ensure we are not being unfair or unrealistic in our expectations.

Despite the disruption, all the children have continued with their full timetable and we have not allowed it to stop us from enjoying lots of fun learning activities.

Our staff are doing an amazing job of keeping the challenge and high quality learning opportunities going. They are looking at every child's attainment and tracking their progress closely.

Ms Talbot

Dates for your Diary:

26.1.22	Year 6 Robinwood
15.2.22	Year 5 Trip
16.2.22	Year 1 hearing tests
18.2.22	School closes
28.2.22	School opens
3.3.22	World Book Day
9.3.22	Year 2 Trip
14.3.22	Assessment Week
15.3.22	Year 1 Trip
18.3.22	PTFA Dress Down Day
21.3.22	Mother's Day Gift Shop
29.3.22	Parents' Evening
30.3.21	Group Photographs
31.3.22	Parents' Evening
1.4.21	School closes
19.4.21	School opens
2.5.22	School closed (Bank Holiday)
9.5.22	Year 6 SATs Week
29.5.22	School closes
6.6.22	School opens
6.6.22	Year 1 Phonics Screening
13.6.22	Father's Day Craft Shop
13.6.22	Year 4 Times Tables Check
20.6.22	Assessment Week
21.6.22	Morley Sports Day
22.7.22	School closes



Did you know 7% of young children in the UK have a food allergy?

50,000 people in the UK have experienced anaphylaxis!!

Anaphylaxis is as severe and potentially **life threatening** reaction to an allergy.

We at East Ardsley Primary are proud to be called a nut free school to support giving all of our children security and appropriate care whilst at school.

But in order to be as safe as possible **we rely on each and every one of you to support.**

Simply checking ingredients labels on food for NUTS (it is a legal requirement to be shown in BOLD) and ensuring the products you send into school are nut free can help limit the risk to the life of some of our students across all Year groups, **many chocolate products contain nuts** so it's always worth checking!!!

On behalf of the school and the parents impacted we thank you massively for your anticipated co-operation.

We appreciate from our own educational journey that this is quite a sensitive and complex topic, so we will continue to use this newsletter with tips and guidance for this and other Allergies.

Handball Tournament

Yesterday, Six children from Year 6, represented the school in a Handball tournament.

After the last two years of lockdowns and social distancing, it was so fantastic for the children to be once again, involved in indoor competitive games. The children thoroughly enjoyed the tournament and there were eight schools entered and split into two pools. We were in a pool with Birchfield, Seven Hills and Gildersome Primary. Out of the three games they played they drew one and lost two, but this did not reflect how they played at all. We had lots of chances on goal and it was just great to see such enthusiasm from all the children.

Handball is quite a new sport and so is only just being introduced into primary schools, this meant that the children had to learn the rules and how to play properly as the games went on. I have to say they were absolutely brilliant! I was so impressed with how quickly they picked it up and their fantastic teamwork. I am aiming to put Handball on our school curriculum so that in the future children are more prepared for the tournaments. Well done to Nathan Fearn, Ethan Roberts, Eric Speirs, Lucy Reyner, Sofie Schenkova and Lacey Constable – Mrs Fletcher

A free online safety guide on Gaming Streamers & Influencers.

Streamers are people who stream themselves gaming, drawing, making things etc. for people to watch on the internet. Usually, this will be done live, and others are able to chat with them in real time while they do so. Influencers are social media stars who hold influence over the people that follow them, like a kind trend-setter or taste-maker, who companies often pay to promote their products. A streamer could also be considered an influencer in their chosen area.

In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as adult content, online bullying and online purchases.

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What you need to know about... GAMING STREAMERS & INFLUENCERS



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Know the Risks

Adult Content

Many streamers use platforms such as Twitch or YouTube to broadcast themselves. YouTube for example, is only for ages 13+ (YouTube kids is for under 13s) and may contain a lot of other adult content. Streamers themselves, may be unsuitable for younger audiences with the kind of content they make, and with many opting to stream live, anything can – and does – happen.

Authenticity Risk

A lot of streamers will have some kind of sponsorship deal in place with a company trying to sell their products to an audience. When the audience is mostly younger viewers, they may not realise that streamers are getting paid to promote a product and may not necessarily have their best interests in mind.

Bullying and hate

While some streamers do employ moderators to try and combat hateful comments or bullying in their comments sections, they can still be very hectic. Hateful language is quite common, and people looking to groom children or engage in online bullying behaviour, could frequent the live chats.

Subscriptions

Streamers also make money through subscriptions on websites like Twitch, where fans will donate them a small amount as little or as often as they like. Called 'bits', they can be bought in bundles of varying prices which can be gifted to streamers via 'cheers'. Children could buy these 'bits' in large amounts without realising what they're doing, leaving a big bill behind.

Safety Tips

Discuss what's real online

Be sure to teach kids the difference between what's real and honest, or fake and untrustworthy online. Photoshopping fake images and videos and bragging about themselves online is unfortunately quite commonplace so it is difficult to tell what is real or fake. People with large followings can be promoting unhealthy or unattainable lifestyles to children to boost their own online influence.

Use filters

There are filters that can be put in place to block out a lot of adult content on streaming sites. Just make sure you have access to children's accounts so you can set the parameters and keep track of what they're seeing yourself. Usually, parental controls will be located in the settings portion of an account's menu.

Check age settings

Both YouTube and Twitch state that they are not suitable for children under 13 years old, but other sites might be different. YouTube Kids, for example, is for ages 13 and under, and offers much of the same kid-friendly content that YouTube does without the risk of running into something improper.

Affiliate links

Keep an eye out for affiliate links in social media posts and tags like #ad. UK influencers have to follow the CAP Code for advertising standards, but many don't. It can be hard to tell who is working through legitimate channels because it's almost impossible to regulate. Many streamers encourage fans to buy merchandise through online shops and stores.

Action & Support

Name check streamers

If your child has begun showing an interest in a streamer or influencer, check their names on Google. Some popular streamers have been discovered flouting industry regulations and using their young audiences to enhance their personal wealth through scams whilst others may swear on streams or promote drinking, substance abuse or links to gambling sites they operate to their young audiences.

Talk to your child

Initiate an open dialogue with your child about the kind of content they're consuming online. Ask about their favourite streamers and whether they like their personalities or the games they play and the community they have. Also remind them about what they should and shouldn't be sharing about themselves online and that just because social media stars do it, it can also be damaging.

Block and report

If you suspect a streamer might be taking advantage of their audience, or worse grooming children in any way, and have irrefutable evidence, do not hesitate to block and report them. First, block your child from being able to view their content and alert other parents to your concerns. Go immediately to the police or local authorities with the evidence of what you've seen.

Our Expert Mark Foster



Mark Foster has worked in the gaming industry for 5 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.

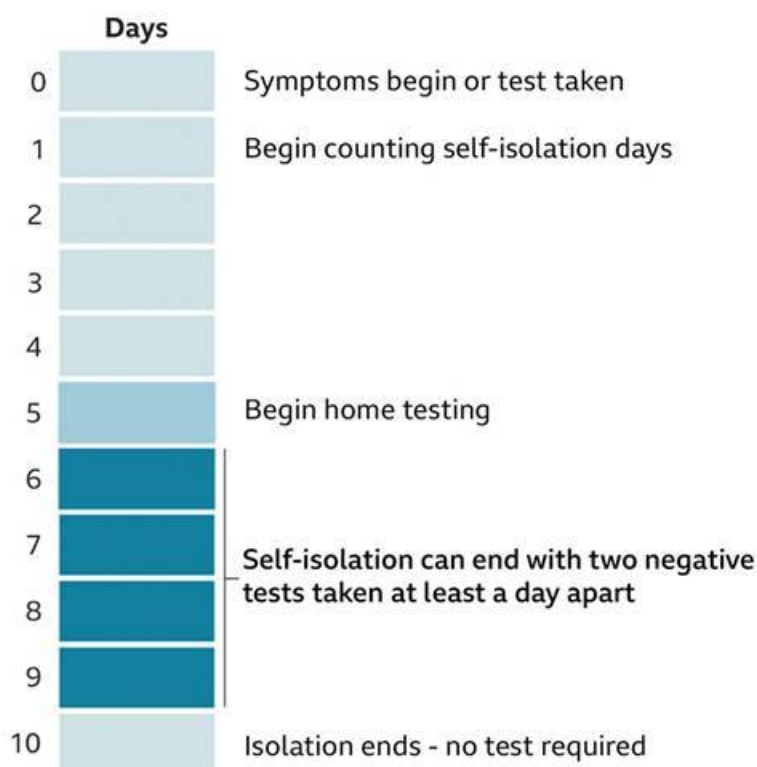
When do I need to get a PCR test?

The temporary suspension of a confirmatory PCR test is for individuals who are asymptomatic. Individuals who are experiencing any of the main symptoms of COVID-19 (a new continuous cough, high temperature/fever and loss or change to smell/taste) should take a PCR test. This advice has not changed. However, if an individual is experiencing symptoms and has already had a positive LFD test result, they do not need to take a PCR test as well and should isolate.

COVID-19 isolation changes

You will be aware that there has been a further change to the self-isolation period. From Monday, people who have tested positive for COVID-19 will be able to leave isolation after negative lateral flow tests on days five and six. The following diagram is a helpful aide-memoire for the change.

How five-day isolation rule works in England



Source: NHS

BBC

Full details of COVID-19 guidance can be found [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): guidance and support - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-and-support)

Applying for Primary places (Reception) to start September 2022

The on line application process opened on 1st November and runs until the **deadline of 15th January 2022**. Parents/carers should have received a letter and 'quick guide' from admissions inviting them to apply for a reception place. Parents are able to apply for their child's reception place to start school in September 2022 using the online system: www.leeds.gov.uk. After applying, please check that you have received a confirmation and keep the email safe. If you do not receive a confirmation email, this means that some of the information has been omitted and the application will not be processed, therefore you will need to contact Admissions.

Parents will be informed of their school offer via email on **Tuesday 19th April 2022**.

You can contact the Admissions Team on 0113 222 4414 if you have any questions.

You can find information about schools, previous years allocation data, catchment maps and links to school admission policies on the 'find more information about a school' page on Leeds City Council website <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/composite-prospectus>

You can find on Leeds City Council's website www.leeds.gov.uk/apply

- an address lookup tool - for families to check if their address has any priority, but not all addresses will have such priority
- the link to the online application form

Please remember to:

- use all 5 preferences, using only use 1 or 2 preferences decreases the chances of being offered a place at a preferred school;
- any supplementary information needs to be provided by the closing date (this applies if a child is previously looked after, is seeking admission under exceptional needs or if a family wish to apply for their child to be admitted out of chronological age group
- use the child's actual permanent address. Using that of a friend, relatives, childminder or renting a property to gain a school place are all considered fraud and places can be withdrawn.

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