



ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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Broadening Horizons

17th January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year to everyone! I hope you all had a restful and peaceful time, and we are delighted to welcome everyone back to the new term.

Changes to the isolation rules

We continue to work on reducing the risk of transmission of coronavirus across the academy and to follow the DFE guidance outlined in the '**Schools COVID-19 operational guidance**'. As I'm sure you are aware, guidance is changing constantly and the current guidance with regard to isolation is as follows:

Adults who are fully vaccinated and all children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 are strongly advised to take a LFD test every day for 7 days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result.

Children under 5 years are exempt from self-isolation and do not need to take part in this daily testing.

If you live with or have been in contact with someone with COVID-19, you will not need to self-isolate if any of the following apply:

- you are fully vaccinated;
- you are under 18 years and 6 months;
- you are taking part or have taken part in an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial;
- you are not able to get a vaccine for medical reasons.

Further guidance on 'When to self-isolate and what to do' can be found on the [NHS website](#).

What parents need to know about setting up new devices for children

From talking to your children, I know that many of them were extremely lucky over the Christmas period to receive gifts that included new phones, tablets, computers or consoles. Exposing children to online content increases their chances of stumbling across adult content, making expensive downloads or installing unsuitable apps. Investing a little time now configuring your child's device can save a lot of anguish later. Attached is a very informative safety guide on setting up new devices for children from the National Online Safety Website. Please make sure that dream gift doesn't turn into a nightmare!

Staffing news

We are very pleased to welcome a number of new staff this term. Working in key stage one, as part of our teaching support staff, are Gemma Turner and Danielle Searle. Joining our lunchtime staff is Miss Donna Thorpe, and Miss Amber McGuire and Miss Martha O'Brien are trainee teachers, working in Y2 and Y3/4 respectively.

Unfortunately, Mr Brown is still poorly and was not able to join us at the start of term as we expected, however we all wish him a speedy recovery. Fortunately, we have been lucky enough to secure the services of Miss Chatwin, who is providing continuity for the Y5 class in Mr Brown's absence.

Routines and Timetable

In September, we changed the start and finish times for the EYFS class to so that there would not be a clash with KS1. However, I appreciate that this caused a backlog as parents/carers dropped off/picked up their KS1 children and then had to wait for the EYFS class to start/finish. Currently, we have a stream of children arriving at different times and this is disrupting routines at the beginning of the school day. Therefore, we are opening our gates at **8.45am** and would like all children seated in class by **8.55am**. This is so that **registers can be taken at 9am**. Any child not in class for registration will be marked as late.

Year Group	Arrive Slot	Register in class	Pick up Slot
EYFS	8.45am red gate entrance	9am	3.10pm red gate area
Y1/2	8.45am small hall and white double doors	9am	3.10pm small hall entrances and white doors
Y3/4	8.45am year group entrances	9am	3.20pm main gate
Y5/6	8.45am year group entrance/Y6 cloak room	9am	3.20pm main gate

Parking on Redwood Drive

We take the safety of our children and families very seriously and parking on Redwood Drive has always been a difficult and contentious issue. We are balancing the safety of our children with the schedule of our parents/carers and the well-being and rights of our local residents.

We are all part of our local community and I would ask if you could just take a moment to ensure that you are parking responsibly. I have listed below a few suggestions that I hope will help:

- park away from the zig-zag lines and any markings near the entrance to school;
- always find a space where it is safe and legal to park;
- ensure that children get out of the car on the curb side;
- park a little way from the school and walk;
- supervise your children when they cross the road;
- please refrain from parking across resident's driveways.

Thank you for your consideration with this matter.

Charitable Donations

I would like to take a moment to thank you for your support and kindness during our autumn term. We are very proud of our community and of your never-ending generosity. Last term, we donated an amazing **£551.04** to the

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, **£280.91** to the BBC Children in Need appeal and **£158.25** to Save the Children through our Christmas Jumper day. Thank you once again for supporting these fantastic charities!

Friends' Association

Our Friends' Association raised **£336.50** from our autumn term disco and **£110** from the Christmas Lucky Dip. We are delighted with this and these funds will support us in developing additional provision for children in our academy.

Term Dates

A list of academy holidays is available from the [academy website](#). This list will help you to plan your own holidays to coincide with academy holidays, thus avoiding any loss of schooling for your child. In addition, we request that where it is possible that you make routine dental and GP appointments outside school hours. There is a close link between attendance and progress, and we are committed to providing the very best education possible for your child.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION – Procedures to follow in the event of adverse weather conditions

If the academy is forced to close due to adverse weather, all parents/carers who have registered a mobile number with us will receive a text message giving information about the closure. You will also receive a message from our e-mail service.

Unless you notify us to the contrary, all parents/carers who have registered a mobile phone number and email address with the school will automatically be included in the service.

Please remember that this system is only effective when we have up to date contact details. **PLEASE INFORM THE ACADEMY ADMINISTRATION TEAM IF YOU HAVE RECENTLY CHANGED YOUR MOBILE TELEPHONE NUMBER AND/OR YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS.**

If parents/carers have not registered to receive texts then they should listen to BBC Radio Lincolnshire or Lincs FM, which will broadcast up to date information on schools within the county that have to close. BBC Radio Lincolnshire will also post information on their website at www.bbc.co.uk/lincolnshire and Lincs FM at www.lincsfm.co.uk. You can also access Lincolnshire County Council website for information on school closures. www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures

Parents' Evening

The dates for Parents Evenings for the spring term are **Monday 7th February and Wednesday 9th February**. Our plan, at this time, is to hold face to face meetings using the same format as the autumn term. Appointment letters will be sent to you soon.

Yours sincerely,



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