

12th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,



TOGETHER
again

It is wonderful to have everyone back together again. Our children were so excited to be back in school. We ensured that the week began with lots of activities to support the children with their well being, confidence and social skills. Children have settled in well once again with all the safety measures in school.

We also made it into the newspaper again. See this article.

<https://www.questmedianetwork.co.uk/news/oldham-reporter/its-as-if-we-were-never-away-excited-pupils-welcomed-back-to-school/>

Thank you to parents and carers

We would also like to thank our families who have supported the social distancing, wearing of face masks and the staggered start and finish times this week. The measures help us all to stay as safe as possible.



Vaccination for unpaid carers of children aged 0-15 who are clinically extremely vulnerable

The rollout of the Coronavirus vaccine is well underway in Oldham, with more than 75,000 first vaccinations now given to Oldham-registered patients. Unpaid carers of children aged 0-15 who are clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV) are being invited for their vaccinations.

Other eligible carers include families with a child/young person with an EHCP and/or Children With Disabilities plan, and/or has a special guardianship offer. Those who fall into these cohorts will be called or emailed by the Royal Oldham Hospital, inviting them and their families to attend a vaccination clinic there. If they are invited for the vaccination by their GP or by the regional vaccination centre at the Etihad campus first, due to being in a priority group for another reason, they are free to take up this appointment.

If families are contacted by the hospital, this is a legitimate invitation for vaccine and should be taken up. To find out more about the vaccine and how it is being delivered in Oldham, visit the website here. <https://www.oldham.gov.uk>

Letter to parents and carers of children and young people with SEND, their families and those who support them

Please find attached a letter from Vicky Ford (MP) highlighting key information and support which is provided for children and young people with SEND as they return to full attendance at schools and colleges.

A reminder about Secondary School Offers - Year 6

SECONDARY SCHOOL

Emails informing parent/carers of secondary school offers have been sent to parents/carers in year 6 on Monday the 1st of March.

Parents/carers can log into their school admissions account or view their email.

If they cannot do this, they must email ecs.pupils@oldham.gov.uk to request an offer letter.

Information about what happens if the parent/carers child does not receive a place at their preference school can be found on the school admissions website as follows

https://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/201168/apply_for_a_secondary_school_place/2517/what_if_you_dont_get_the_school_you_want

Point of Contact – school admissions team - ecs.pupils@oldham.gov.uk - 0161 770 4213

Spelling Shed Winners

Congratulations to our top speller this week is A1Y1 (Class 8) with an incredible 23,192,698 points. Well done!
Keep practising children!

Place	Winners	Total points awarded for correct spellings
1st	Class 8	34,599,350
2nd	Class 6	18,562,326
3rd	Class 7	9,396,580



IF YOUR CHILD IS UNWELL

Finally, but most importantly, if any child is feeling unwell, please do not bring them to school if they are receiving on-site educational provision and inform the school office.

If your child presents with any Coronavirus symptoms, including a headache, cold symptoms, aching limbs or a stomach upset, then please access a test, self-isolate and only return to school after a negative test result and when symptom free for 48 hours or after their 10 day isolation if positive. Children may only display minor symptoms for a short time and seem to be back to their normal selves after a couple of hours but still be positive and infectious.

If anyone in your household is unwell with any Coronavirus symptoms they should access a test and all household members should begin to isolate immediately.

It is important to be informed or reminded that around 1 in 3 people have no symptoms and could spread Coronavirus without realising it. Government advice is that everyone should act as if they have the virus, even if they do not show symptoms. Anyone can spread the virus so please remember: Hands, Face, Space.

A reminder to parents to send any results to us directly regarding COVID test results. This email is covid@alexandrapark.oldham.sch.uk

If you receive a negative or positive result anytime please email the details to the above. The sooner we are informed the sooner we can allow your child back into school (if they are attending school).

We thank all parents for the immediate responses we have had already. You have certainly worked with staff to support the safety of children and staff with high levels of communication.

