

19th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Head Girl and Boy and Deputy Head Girl and Boy

As we settle back into the school routine it is important to remind our children about their responsibilities in school. There are many times when children in school are recognised for their role model behaviours including our Head girls and boys.



Left to right - Eesa Mahmood - Deputy Head Boy (Class 10), Mohammed Ismail Head Boy (Class 11), Aminah Siddique Head Girl (Class 12) and Eisha Faisal Deputy Head Girl (Class 12)

Spelling Shed Winners

Congratulations to our top speller this week is A1Y1 (Class 8) for the fifth week in a row with an incredible 17, 135,136 points. Well done! Keep practising children!



Place	Winners	Total points awarded for correct spellings
1st	Class 8	24,984,608
2nd	Class 12	14,458,984
3rd	Class 5	14,160,520

TT Rockstars - Battle of the Bands Winners



Most active classes in the last 7 days

Class 4-52%

Class 5-27%

Class 12-13%

Families with children of school age to get 2 rapid COVID-19 tests per person per week (REMINDER)

Whole families and households with primary school, secondary school and college age children, including childcare and support bubbles, will be able to test themselves twice every week from home as schools return. For more information please visit this website.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/all-households-with-children-of-school-aged-to-get-rapid-covid-19-tests-per-person-per-week>

Red Nose Day

Thank you to all our staff for organising events on Friday to raise money for Comic relief and thank you to all our families for your contributions towards the charity. Once the money is counted we will let you know how much we have raised. The children and staff enjoyed dressing in their best clothes, sharing jokes and eating biscuits on sale in the class bubbles.



Letter from the Director of Education

Please find attached to this newsletter a letter from the director of education in Oldham thanking parents and carers for their support for their children during lockdown and the good attendance across Oldham schools.

Young Digital Festival 2021

Attached is the programme for 2021's Young Digital Festival events for families and young people. This year all the activities will be taking place online at the festival hub which you can access at the Peshkar website www.peshkar.co.uk

Workshops will be taking place using Hopin, a video conferencing platform that allows for a greater level of interactivity but is extremely user friendly.

All workshops are free to attend. Families can register here: <https://forms.gle/AfpqHVfKb-mQ4BUyt6>

Point of Contact – Sophie Watts - sophie.watt@oldham.gov.uk



School Meal increase - Catering Service

We are passing on this information from the catering service. In order that the quality of school meals is maintained we will be increasing the cost of school meals by 15p from £2.40 to £2.55 for paid and free school meals, from the 1st April 2021.

Self Isolation

It is incredibly important that the self-isolation guidance is adhered to <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection> Self-isolation for people who test positive and their close contacts is a legal requirement. This recognises the importance of self-isolation in preventing the transmission of the virus.



If someone or another member of their household has symptoms of coronavirus, they should isolate immediately. If someone receives a positive test result, they are now required by law to self-isolate for the period ending 10 days after displaying symptoms or after the date of the test, if they did not have symptoms. Other members of their household must self-isolate for the period ending 14 days after symptom onset, or after the date of the initial person's positive test.

We ask you to do this to reduce the further spread of COVID-19 to others in the community. Without everyone working together and following the guidance, we will not be able to contain the spread of the infection.

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.

