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Covid – updated guidance

From the 1st April, Covid guidance has changed. On Tuesday 29 March, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Sajid Javid, set out the next steps for living with COVID-19 in England from Friday 1 April. Updated guidance is:

Adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature.

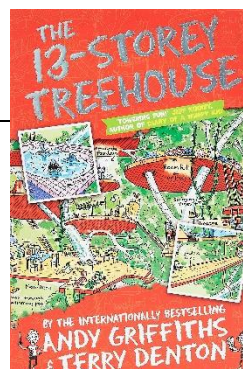
Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.

Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days

In the coming weeks, mainstream childcare and education settings will manage Covid as an Acute Respiratory Infection (ARI), in line with other infectious diseases. We will still maintain enhanced handwashing, cleaning and ventilation as we move to a new phase of Covid. We are asking that if children are too unwell for school they are kept at home, especially if they have a temperature.

Look at a book

In Morgan Class Reuben has been reading all of the 13 Storey Tree House books. In the book there are two guys who live in a huge tree house full of fun fun rooms and gadgets. You never know what's going to happen next! Reuben loves them because they are funny and full of interesting things happening to the main characters. There are six books in the set and they are all excellent!



Toys

A reminder that we are still asking families not to send children in with toys. Often these are very precious and we know children get upset if they are lost or accidentally broken so better to keep these at home.

FroGS – Chocolate bingo success!

Everyone had a fantastic time at the Chocolate Bingo last Friday! We had more chocolate prizes than ever before and a full house on attendance! The kids had a great time consuming vast quantities of chocolate and cake throughout and the grown ups got a fair amount too! Thank you to Steve Dawe our bingo caller and to everyone who supported this through donations and coming along on the night. We raised just under £300!



Uniform update

For safety, please can children only wear small stud earrings and not ring style earrings (this applies to boys as well as girls).

We would also like to remind families that children should wear a school jumper or cardigan on PE days and not hoodies or other logo tops.

Working Well with our Community

Please can we ask again for families not to turn around in Summervale Mews driveway opposite the double gates on Wharf Lane or park in this area unless with a disabled parking exemption. We have seen some close calls in recent weeks with children crossing the road around parked vehicles and above all we want to keep everyone safe.



Star of the Week

Congratulations to this week's stars of the week

Dove	Madeleine M & Roman J
Pippin	Savannah-Wren A & Charlie L
Sandew	Elsie G & Millie P
Golden	Oscar H & Jessie T
Puffin	Betsy P & Troy B
Camelot	Florence C & Archie-Albert W
Hook	Theodore H-W & Ella L
Dunkerton	Rose I & Eddie P
Morgan	Fletcher P & Sebastian G
Ashton	Christopher B & Harriet A
Coker	Damian H & Nancy P
Coopers	Ollie W & Anna S
Gatcombe	Tai L & Cody K

Stars and certificates will be presented on Thursday 7th April at 3.00pm for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 (**please note change of time due to Easter Service**) and Friday 8th April at 9.30am for Years 3 and 4.

Families of the recipients are welcome to attend via Zoom and a link will be sent out to the contact emails we have for our pupils. We encourage all family members to stay until the end of the celebration if possible.

Please note if joining via Zoom no recordings or screen shots should be taken of the sessions for safeguarding and we ask you to remain on mute. **Please also be aware of your screen name and we ask that this is changed to your child's name.**



Online safety update

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one game of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents Need to Know about

POKÉMON GO

AGE RESTRICTION
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Pokémon GO has been among the world's most popular mobile games since its spectacular release in 2016. It's recently enjoyed a resurgence, thanks partly to people combining entertainment and exercise during lockdown. In Pokémon GO – like the Pokémon TV show, trading card series and other video games – players capture, train and battle with their Pokémon creatures: physically exploring locations while using augmented reality via their phone's screen. The game generally provides a positive experience, but there are still some safety concerns to consider.

ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS

Pokémon GO requires players to visit in-game landmarks like Pokéstops and Gyms. These are often situated at public real-world locations such as churches or post offices. Sometimes, however, they can inadvertently end up being placed in dangerous areas which are unsuitable for children, even when accompanied by an adult: near a construction site or a main road, for example.

STRANGERS & MEETING OFFLINE

Players often cooperate with friends in the game, and there are many online discussion hangouts. As well as sharing tips and info, these groups may arrange to meet offline to catch Pokémon or attend raids (communal events where players flock to the same real-world place for a mass battle). This can put children at risk of being messaged and invited to meet by strangers under the pretence of talking about the game.

DATA COLLECTION

When a player logs into their Pokémon GO account, the game collects personal data about the user and their device. Locations, emails, names, ages and even camera images can all be accessed. What then happens to this information is open to debate. Niantic, the game's developers, maintain that they do not sell user information to third parties – but the fact that they have it at all is a concern, nonetheless.

VISIBLE PROFILES & LOCATION

Pokémon GO players can add each other as 'friends' in the game by sharing their trainer codes. Two trainers who do this can then view each other's information, such as their username. If a username gives any clues to the player's real name or personal details, a stranger may then be able to look them up online. The game also lets users upload images to social media, which could publicly disclose a child's exact location.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

The game uses a currency called Pokécoins, which can be bought for real money (in bundles between £0.79 and £59.99) and exchanged for in-game items such as Pokéballs and berries. It's extremely easy for a child to purchase Pokécoins (even accidentally) if there's a payment method connected to their mobile phone – and possibly rack up a sizeable bill without realising it!

Advice for Parents & Carers

PLAY ALONGSIDE YOUR CHILD

Finding and catching Pokémon with young ones could turn into a great mutual hobby. At 25 years old, it's one of the few games franchises that spans two generations. Enjoying the game together will give you plenty of new things to talk about with your child – and if you played Pokémon in your own childhood, you might impress them with your knowledge of the digital critters!

ENCOURAGE AWARENESS

Remind your child of the physical dangers they could face while catching Pokémon and emphasise staying aware of their surroundings. The game will often alert children (through their phone) when they are close to an interesting Pokémon item – usually sending them excitedly rushing off to find it – so they should never play Pokémon GO near busy roads or in places they don't know well.

DISGUISE THE EXERCISE

One of Pokémon GO's benefits is that it encourages young (and not-so-young!) ones to get exercise outdoors. Some parts of the game can be completed from home, but it's best experienced while walking around your local area. Certain tasks (like visiting Pokéstops) can be repeated every day – and an hour outside having fun catching Pokémon will hardly feel like exercise at all!

USE AN OLDER PHONE

If children use an older phone to play Pokémon GO, then they won't be walking around with their own new device, which could get broken or stolen. Parents are also far less likely to have left a credit card linked to the old mobile. It also means that you can limit the amount of information used to set up an account, and what companies who gain access to your data can do with it.

AGREE PLAY BOUNDARIES

Ensure your child knows where they are (and aren't) allowed to go searching for Pokémon, when they have to be home, and how often they can play the game. Talk to other young Pokémon GO fans' parents or carers to see what boundaries they set for their children. Lunchtimes (if allowed by the school) or after school are ideal times for getting some exercise and catching all those Pokémon!

Meet Our Expert

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- WEEK 1- Monday 11th-Thursday 14th April
 - WEEK 2- Tuesday 19th-Friday 22nd April
- Venue: Greenfyld First School TA19 0DS

MULTI-SPORTS HOLIDAY CAMP



What we'll be getting up to:

Gym & dance- Children will get to express movement through our gym and dance sessions!

Arts and crafts- A chance for children to take a break from all the running around and relax!

Football- One of the more classic sports we run. Children will be put in team to play a 5-side tournament.



Other activities include:

Dodgeball- Working a team, children will work together to try and hit the other team with their dodgeballs!

Nerf Games- Children will be split into teams where they will build unbreakable forts to take cover from the other teams!

Childcare
Vouchers
accepted



Please wear sports/casual clothes, hot lunch provided!

Featuring-once a week our Storyteller & Music Specialists

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