

WESTGARTH WEEKLY



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Dear Families,

COVID Risk Assessment

As you will be aware, on 24th February many changes came into play with the announcement of the government's "Living with COVID" strategy. Whilst there is no longer a legal obligation for anyone who tests positive with COVID-19 to isolate, schools are still required to have mitigations in place, such as hand hygiene, additional cleaning and increased ventilation. In addition, we are all being asked to show social, rather than legal, responsibility by continuing to voluntarily self-isolate, if positive, in order to minimise infection, particularly around vulnerable people. Our school protocols, therefore, remain the same:

If staff or children test positive for COVID 19, it is recommended that they begin an isolation period as day zero and then take LFD tests on days 5 and 6; those who receive two negative test results do not need to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period and tests should be taken 24 hours apart. If both of these test results are negative, and there is no high temperature, self-isolation after the second negative test result can stop and children can return to school from day 6 (if the negative tests were taken early on the morning of day 5 and 6) or day 7 if taken later in the day.

If in doubt, do please ring the school office for clarification, or consult the latest government guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts>



Beat the Street

Beat the Street is a fun, free game, coming to Redcar and Cleveland this week. Everyone is invited to play! The game sees how far you can walk, roll or cycle around our local area, for six weeks. You can earn points and win prizes! To play, use your paper or online map to find the Beat Boxes. Start your journey and hover your card over the Beat Box until it beeps and flashes. Visit two Beat Boxes in one hour and collect ten points for each Beat Box. Carry on your journey - score ten points for each extra Beat Box you visit.

Our children will today bring home a game card for themselves, a card for a parent or carer and a map. If any additional cards are required, they can be accessed on the Beat the Street website www.beatthestreet.me/redcarcleveland

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We Care, You Care

Please find attached a poster giving information of support available to carers within our local community.

Head Injury Notifications

In case letters get lost in the children's bags, we are now informing parents and carers of potential head injuries, and signs to look out for, through ParentMail. We will still, obviously, telephone parents and carers straightaway about any accidents or injuries where we feel more urgent medical attention may be required.

Westgarth Close

Another of our local residents on Westgarth Close has contacted school about the continued dangerous and inconsiderate parking on Westgarth Close and the surrounding roads. We, once again, urge parents and carers not to park where families are entering and leaving school to avoid an accident that could involve anyone's child.

Kitchen Catering Assistant

Galileo Catering Services is looking to appoint a part time catering assistant to support our team in the Westgarth kitchen.

Hours: 10 per week, 2 hours per day. Term time only.

Experience preferred but not essential. Full training will be given on the job. If you are interested and wish to discuss this role further, please contact: Simon Snee - Trust Catering Manager on 07906215084.

Supporting children - Russian Invasion of Ukraine

The current events surrounding the conflict in Ukraine may, understandably, spark discussions, or trigger upset with our children around what is happening to Ukrainians, and how the conflict may affect us in the UK.

Childnet has released a resource to help parents and carers engage in discussions around this issue:

<https://www.childnet.com/blog/supporting-your-child-with-upsetting-content/>

They also offer a "conversation starter" sheet to help parents and carers with a simple and effective starting point to get a discussion started safely on this, or other sensitive, topics, particularly if children have tried to gather further information from web based sources:

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/have-a-conversation/>

As always, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher, in the first instance, about any concerns or support we can offer regarding this issue, or any other.

Wishing you all a peaceful weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Woodhead
Headteacher