



LANCHESTER E.P. (Cont.) PRIMARY SCHOOL



Weekly Bulletin 2: Friday 5th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sure there are a mixture of feelings and emotions starting to be expressed by all your children around returning to school because having 11 weeks away from school, does make it very hard when returning. There will no doubt be some very nervous and anxious children this weekend, anticipating Monday morning. Please reassure them that they will not be alone in these feelings, that the adults in school are here to help and support them and that they will feel so much better by the time they walk out of school on Monday afternoon! Feel free to also tell them that there will be plenty of adults who are feeling exactly the same as them on Monday morning. I am sure everyone will be feeling a lot better this time next week!

'Jump for Joy' Twitter Challenge

Hopefully, you will all have seen today's twitter challenge. We thought it was appropriate to ask everyone to do a 'jump for joy' to celebrate our return to school! We would love for as many children as possible (and parents?!) to get involved in this project so that we can, once again, have a lasting memento to this lockdown. Our aim is to put these photographs together and create a short film or banner or both! So, please email all your photos to Mr Bailey at: m.bailey@lanchesterep.net I shall look forward to seeing the photos and the finished products!

Daily Davis Updates!

I will be posting my final daily update this evening and after this, will revert back to Weekly Updates. The Daily Updates are something which started at the start of the first lockdown as it was a really useful way to still be able to stay connected. However, now that we are returning to school, I feel there is not the need for these to be quite as frequent, so I will just post one every Friday at the end of a week.

Environmental Film Success

I am very proud to share some super news regarding one of our Year 2 pupils. Just before the first Lockdown last March, Betsey wanted to do something to help the environment, so she began litter picking in her village. This led her to wanting to make a film to tell other people about the importance and positive impact that litter picking could have on the environment. She wrote a poem about this which turned into a short film. With help from her Dad, she directed, edited and starred in the film entitled 'Earth Is Not A Bin'.

The film has subsequently been short listed for a film festival in Chile and has won a film festival in Australia. The film is being entered to many festivals this coming year. Betsey says, "I am very proud and hopes it will teach people not to drop litter". If you would like to see the film, just follow the link below: <https://vimeo.com/452272466>

What a talented young girl she is! Well done Betsey – we are all very proud of you!

Wrap Around Care

Please remember that this will be held in the Junior Hall. Please use the usual door to drop off and pick up, but we do ask that you remain at the top of the path again, just to help to maintain that appropriate social distancing. At least it won't be dark now though which makes such a difference!

Please make sure you book Wrap Around Care as far advance in as possible – the form is [here](#) and is for up until Summer half term. If you have an emergency and need to book on the day for After School Club please note that your child will need to be collected by 4.30pm, as there are no emergency places held for the After School Club until 5.30pm on the day. If your child is in Nursery and wants to access the Breakfast Club from 8.30am until 9.30am, please book this via the usual form, but note they will need to be dropped off at the Nursery entrance.

Lateral Flow Tests

NHS Test and Trace announced earlier this week, that all adults in households with school and college age children without symptoms can now access regular rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing.

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.

From 1 March 2021, if you're a member of a household, childcare bubble or support bubble of staff or a pupil you can get a twice-weekly test:

- through your employer if they offer testing to employees
- at a local test site
- by collecting a home test kit from a test site
- by ordering a home test kit online

Get a test through your employer

Your workplace may offer rapid lateral flow testing to you. Contact your employer to find out more.

Take a test at a rapid lateral flow test site

You can take a rapid lateral flow test at a local site. Testing at these sites is assisted, which means you will swab yourself under the supervision of a trained operator.

You may need to book an appointment.

[Find your nearest rapid lateral flow test site.](#)

Collect test kits

You can collect 2 packs of home test kits at a local collection point. Each pack contains 7 tests.

Anyone 18 or over can collect.

Most collection points are open from 1.30pm to 7pm. You can check online if the location is open or busy before you go. You do not need to make an appointment.

Do not visit a collection point outside opening hours, as it may be used to test people with coronavirus symptoms outside these times.

[Find your nearest home test kit collection point.](#)

Order home test kits online

If you cannot get tested at your workplace, or are unable to go to a test site or collect test kits, you can order a home test kit online.

Do not order online if you can get a test through other methods. This frees up home delivery for those who need it most.

[Order rapid lateral flow home test kits](#)

What twice-weekly testing involves

You will be asked to:

- take a test twice a week (every 3 or 4 days apart)
- report every result to NHS Test and Trace on the same day you take the test

[Report your test result online](#) or by calling 119.

If anyone tests positive or gets coronavirus symptoms, they should tell the school and:

- self-isolate immediately
- get a PCR test to confirm the result
- follow the [stay at home guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection](#)

A negative result means the test did not find signs of coronavirus. But this does not guarantee you do not have coronavirus, so you should keep following all [coronavirus advice](#) including:

- regular handwashing
- social distancing
- wearing a face covering where recommended

LJG Coaching Holiday Club - Monday March 29th - Thursday April 1st.

As set out in the most recent government guidelines (COVID-19 Response – Spring 2021 guidance), LJG Coaching are allowed to offer:

- Outdoor provision to all children, without restrictions on the purpose for which they may attend
- Indoor provision to:
 - o Vulnerable children and young people
 - o Other children, where provision is considered reasonably necessary to enable their parents/carers to: work, search for work, undertake education or training, attend a medical appointment or address a medical need, attend a support group

As far as possible, all activities will take place outdoors, with as little time spent inside as possible. However, it may be necessary for some activities to take place in the Junior Hall in case of bad weather. For more information, or to book a place for your child, please click [here](#) to be taken to the booking form.

Early Years News

We are very much looking forward to seeing your child back in school next week.

We would like to remind you that we will be going back to the start and finish times we had before the Christmas break. For Nursery, the session times will be 9:30am - 12:30pm and 12:30pm - 3:30pm. If your child has a sibling who is being dropped off in school earlier than this, we can continue to welcome them into Nursery from 8:45am. For children staying all day, their pick up time should be either 2:45pm, 3pm or 3:30pm. Staff will prepare the children for coming home at those times so please keep to your agreed collection time to avoid undue disruption at the end of the Nursery day. If you find that you need your child to be with us in Nursery beyond their funded 6 hours, then please contact the office to arrange payment for wraparound care.

Please remember that your child in Nursery and Reception needs a pair of wellingtons (clearly named!) to be left in school so if your child took them home before Christmas, they should be returned on the first day back. Reception children should ensure they bring back their book bags and reading books.

Thank you so much for the information already sent back to us about your child's current interests and any concerns you might have. You still have time to complete the form on Evidence Me or to email the staff with any information that will help us to settle your child back in with us.

Thank you for your wonderful engagement with Evidence Me during this period of lockdown. We are always interested in your child's achievements at home, so we would love to see anything you wish to share with us in the future.

Positive Thinking

***Although no-one can go back and make a brand new start,
Anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending.***

As usual, if there is anything at all that you would like to talk about, or that is concerning you, please do not hesitate to contact me at school. We are here to help and will get back to you as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Jane Davis

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