

# Lancasterian Primary School

A safe and welcoming learning community where:

- we all aim high;
- everyone is included;
- creativity is valued.

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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Top Attendance for the week: Early Years: Portis 90%    KS1: Ringgold 97.1%    KS2: Mian 98.5%

### Parent/Carer Attendance at Winter Shows

Regrettably we have to inform you that we have taken the decision not to invite parents/carers to winter shows this year. Whilst we fully understand that you will be keen to see your children perform, sadly we have to balance this against the risks associated with gathering crowds of people together in a hall during the ongoing pandemic.

Unfortunately, local case numbers are still high and on the increase: the rate of positive cases in Haringey increased last week to 310.5 cases per 100,000 compared to 263.6 cases per 100,000 the week before, and there were 194 cases reported in schools last week, an increase from 143 the previous week. We also now have the Omicron variant in the UK, which has emerged recently and may pose additional risks.

In light of all of this, we feel that it would be unsafe to gather parents/carers together in a hall. We have considered other options such as outdoor shows, limited entry or staggered performances, but all of these bring additional challenges and risks. The last thing we want to do is create a 'super-spreader' event at the end of term which would ruin people's holidays and - at worst - put people's health in serious jeopardy.

However, the performances will go ahead in school and we will film them and make them available for parents/carers to watch online; Mr. Bentley is organising collecting consent signatures from you so please do respond asap when a letter comes home. Additionally, unless the situation deteriorates we will proceed with the Winter Fayre as we can more safely space this out across two halls and a playground (we will let you know ASAP if this has to change).

I hope that you understand this decision, which was taken - as always - in the best interests of the children and the community.

Yours,

Paul



### A Return to Face Masks for Drop-Offs and Pick-Ups

In light of the new Omicron strain and as a precautionary measure, public health have advised that face coverings should be worn by staff and adults (including visitors) when moving around in corridors and communal areas in the school until further notice. Health advice continues to be that children in primary schools should NOT be asked to wear face coverings.

**PLEASE COULD ALL ADULTS WEAR FACE COVERINGS FOR SCHOOL DROP-OFFS AND PICK-UPS.**

# Leila Lifelong Learning Dress Up Day

The last day of term (Friday 17th December) will be a Leila Lifelong Learning dress-up day for Year 1 - 6 children and staff. Children have the option to dress as Leila - either "the full look" or an aspect of her look - instead of wearing school uniform, otherwise they should wear uniform as usual. Please see picture attached.

Additionally, the house captains are running a Leila Lifelong Learning drawing competition for children in Y1 - 6; pictures should depict Leila showing her love of learning. Entries should be in by Friday 10th December and children may want to use their long weekend this weekend to work on them! There will be a prize for the best picture in Y1/2, Y3/4 and Y5/6, chosen by the house captains.



# Christmas Jumper Day!

**CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY IS COMING! - FRIDAY 10th DECEMBER**

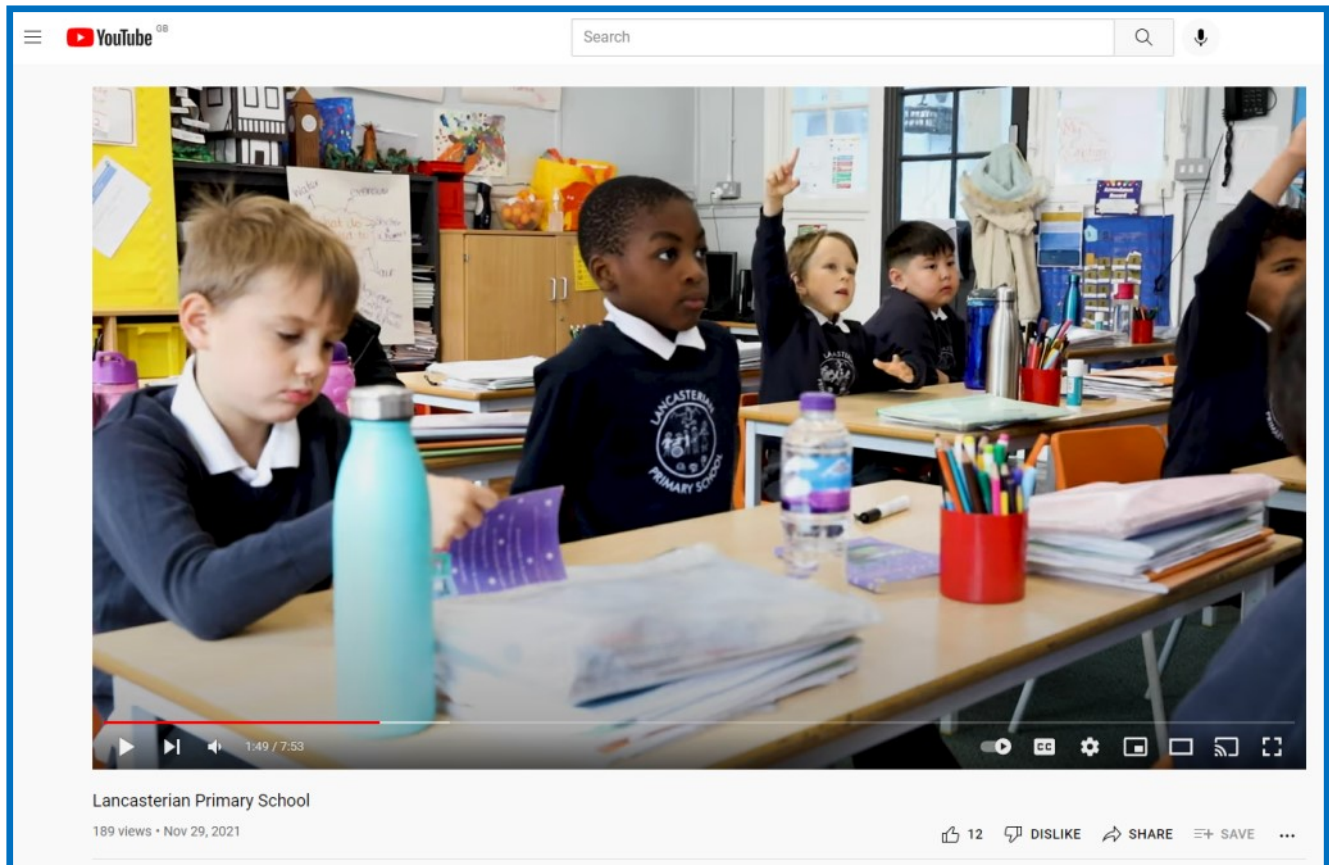
**MAKE THE WORLD BETTER WITH A SWEATER**

Its doesn't matter where you are - on Christmas Jumper Day all you need to do is get your silliest jumper out and donate £1 to Save the Children. Your donation can help children to have food, be healthy, learn things and change the future! You don't have to have a new jumper. Dig out last year's, take an old sweater and ass some tinsel, or buy from a charity shop. Together we'll help this year not be so bad, and make the world a better with sweater.

**GET THOSE FESTIVE KNITS READY!!!**



# Our School Video



Dear Parents/Carers,

We are currently sharing the great news about the high quality provision here at Lancs, to attract as many new families to the school as possible for the 2022 reception class starters. Please click on the link below to see the video we have made to promote Lancasterian Primary school and its fabulous children, staff and community. The application deadline for September 2022 reception places is the 15th January, so please share this link far and wide amongst family and friends. We have consent for the children to be in this video so feel free to share the video on your social media platforms.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l83BHuHOCJY&t=5s>

# What's going on in Haringey?

## Primary school admissions for September 2022

Primary Schools only

The application deadline is **15 January 2022** and National offer day will be **19 April 2022**.

Please can you remind parents/carers with children in your nursery (where applicable) to apply on time and also to alert families with children already on roll who have younger siblings.

## Easy Read health guides for parents and carers

The NHS has produced Easy Read versions of its [Health advice for parents and carers booklet](#).

The Easy Read [Advice for parents and carers guide](#) explains where and when to seek help from a healthcare professional when their child is unwell.

The Easy Read [Bronchiolitis in babies and young children guide](#) details the symptoms of the common respiratory condition, how to care for a child if they have symptoms, and when to seek medical help.

## Festive fun in Haringey



## Applying for primary school – online events for parents and carers

Haringey is running a series of online meetings to help parents and carers apply for their child's primary school place.

**Please see below for the links to each article:**

<https://schoolsbulletin.haringey.gov.uk/easy-read-health-guides-for-parents-and-carers/>

<https://schoolsbulletin.haringey.gov.uk/help-shape-haringeys-future/>

<https://schoolsbulletin.haringey.gov.uk/applying-for-primary-school-online-events-for-parents-and-carers/>

<https://schoolsbulletin.haringey.gov.uk/primary-school-admissions-for-september-2022/>







# Christmas Lunch



We are holding our Christmas lunch on Friday 10/12/2021. If your child already has school dinners then you DO NOT have to book Christmas Lunch.

To book Christmas Lunch for children registered for packed lunches, please email the office on [admin@lancs-pri.haringey.sch.uk](mailto:admin@lancs-pri.haringey.sch.uk).

## Cost

KS1 children - Free

KS2 children - £2.30



## CHRISTMAS MENU 2021

### MAIN COURSE Traditional Roast Turkey

Chicken chipolata sausages & sage & onion stuffing

Roast Potatoes

Savoy Cabbage

Brussel Sprouts

Baton Carrots

### VEGETARIAN MAIN COURSE Leek, mushroom & Quorn Wellington Dessert

Christmas pudding, festive mincemeat crumble slice with cream.



# WEEKLY REMINDERS

## Change to End of Year Date

Next year the celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee will take place on a four-day weekend from Thursday 2 June – Sunday 4 June. The additional bank holiday (Friday 3 June) falls during the summer half term holiday, so will not affect schools. However, the Department for Education has instructed schools to take that day back at another point in the school year and Haringey schools have agreed to do this at the end of the year. This means that the last half of the summer term will end on Thursday 21 July 2022 and not Friday 22 July 2022, as previously.

## Please turn off your engines!

Now that we are approaching the colder months, to avoid polluting our environment please ensure that all car engines are turned off when waiting to pick up or drop off your children. We take pride in our neighbourhood and it is in our best interest to take care of it.

Thank you.

## Full Time Nursery Funding 30-hour code renewal

Could you please check your code eligibility status and renew it if needed.

If your grace period is ending this term and your code has not been renewed in time we won't be able to assist you with the full-time nursery place from next term.

Please contact the office if you have any questions.  
Thank you

## A Reminder to pay school fees



Dear Parents,

Please ensure that school fees are paid in advance either per week or per term.

This can be done via Scopay. If you haven't already please ensure that you set up a Scopay account.

[www.scopay.com](http://www.scopay.com)

Thankyou for your cooperation.

## Help us Raise Free Funds for our Children's Resources

A big thank you to the parents who have joined our cause for fundraising for Lancasterian via the easy fundraising website!



The banner features the Easyfundraising logo with the tagline 'feel good shopping'. It includes icons for 'Join' (heart), 'Shop' (shopping basket), and 'Raise' (coin). The main text reads 'Give more than a gift' and 'Shop online this Christmas and raise donations for free!'. Below this is the hashtag '#MoreThanAGift' and an illustration of wrapped gifts. At the bottom, logos for partner retailers are displayed: amazon.co.uk, John Lewis, ebay, Expedia.co.uk, Sainsbury's, M&S, and Argos.



If you haven't already joined and if you're buying presents for your family this Christmas, or just doing your weekly food shopping online this weekend, please follow the simple steps below. Please remember to use #easyfundraising when you do your Christmas shopping.

Over 6,000 shops and sites will donate to Lancasterian Primary School, at no extra cost to you - so you can raise donations when you buy gifts, decorations, your festive food or anything else. #ThisMeansMore than gifts for loved ones, it means donations that help make a difference!

Please sign up and help us raise more at:

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/lancasterianprimaryschool/?utm\\_campaign=raise-more&utm\\_source=social&utm\\_medium=facebook&utm\\_content=rm-chtms21-f1](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/lancasterianprimaryschool/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_source=social&utm_medium=facebook&utm_content=rm-chtms21-f1)

2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.

3. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to us for no extra cost whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and the children will benefit from your donations raised as all.

We would really appreciate your support and it will make a huge difference to the children. If you have any questions come and ask in the office.

# Updated Coronavirus Response

Following updated advice from Haringey Public Health, we will be slightly changing our response to confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the school as follows:

- Children from reception age or above identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 will be asked to take a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) rapid test as soon as it is possible to do so (i.e. after school) and before returning to school – and repeat the LFD test 3 days later.
- Close contact staff members will also be told to take a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test as soon as it is possible to do so (i.e. after school) and before returning to school and every day for 7 days.
- If there are two or more cases within the same class, we will ask the entire class (staff and pupils) to take a PCR test and to take an LFD test as soon as it is possible to do so – and repeat the LFD test 3 days later.
- Families can get LFD tests for free from pharmacies and libraries, but we can provide from our own stock if absolutely necessary.

Please continue to work with us as we adapt to changing infection rates, following advice from Public Health.

**KEEP  
DOING  
THE  
RIGHT  
THING**

Protect yourself and others from COVID-19



KEEP  
HARINGEY  
SAFE

Haringey  
LONDON

NHS  
Test and Trace



**CORONAVIRUS  
GOT SYMPTOMS?  
GET TESTED NOW**

PLAY YOUR PART.  
PROTECT YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY.  
Do not leave home. Find out how to get a test at  
[nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://nhs.uk/coronavirus) or call 119

**STAY ALERT • CONTROL THE VIRUS • SAVE LIVES**



# When should you **self-isolate?**

Here's what to do if:

**You've had a positive PCR test:**



You need to **self-isolate**, even if you've been vaccinated

**You have symptoms of Covid-19:**



You should **self-isolate** and **take a PCR test** even if you've been **double-jabbed**



**You've been in contact with someone who's tested positive for Covid-19:**



If you're 18 or over and **not double-jabbed** you'll need to **self-isolate**



If you're **double-jabbed**, or if you're **under 18**, **take a PCR test**, but only self-isolate if it's positive



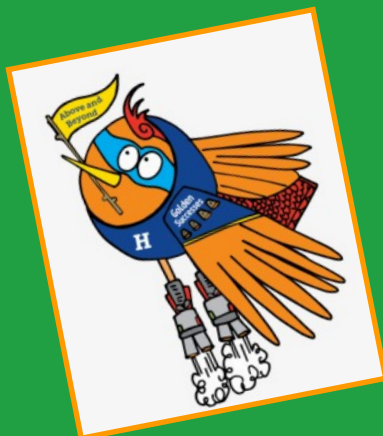
## Bring School Values Home!

We are happy to introduce the school values family Imari Inclusion, Gerty Growth Mindset and Hetty High Aspirations, Ronnie Respect, Ignacio Integrity and Leila Lifelong Learning coffee/tea mugs and tote bags.

They are available to buy via [www.scopay.com](http://www.scopay.com) at £8.50 each.

Once paid please come and collect your purchase from the school office.

We have only a limited number so hurry!



# Every Day Counts!

Our whole school attendance target is 96%

Good attendance will help your children do there best in school, college and at work, see our tips below.

- **Your children can suffer academically** if they miss 10 percent of the school year or about 18 days. That can be just one day every two weeks, and that can happen before you know it.
- **Some absences are unavoidable.** We understand that children will get sick and need to stay home occasionally. The important thing is to get your children to school as often as possible.
- **Sporadic absences, not just those on consecutive days** of school, matter. Before you know it – just one or two days a month can add up to nearly 10 percent of the school year.
- **If too many absences occur, it is still a problem whether they are excused or unexcused** because they represent lost learning time in the classroom.
- **Attendance matters as early as nursery.** Studies show many children who miss too many days in kindergarten and first grade can struggle academically in later years. They often have trouble mastering reading by the end of third grade.
- **Nursery is a great time to start building a habit** of good attendance. Young children with poor attendance in preschool also lose out on valuable learning time and if chronic absence continues into kindergarten, it can pull down academic achievement.
- **Families should avoid extended holidays that require your children to miss school.** Try to book holidays during the school holidays.
- **For younger children, you can set a regular bedtime and morning routine.** Try to ensure they get 9 to 11 hours of sleep.

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS



# Reception Admissions

## **Starting Primary School in 2022 – Reception Admissions**

We would love to welcome your child to join Lancasterian Primary School in September 2022.

If you would like any information about our school, you can visit our school website <https://www.lancasterianprimary.co.uk/>

All children starting in reception class at Lancasterian Primary School in September 2022 will receive the following free of charge:

- a Kindle Fire tablet (or equivalent) to support with home learning, a school jumper and a school bag.

If your child was born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018 you will need to apply for a reception school place for September 2022.

## **You must submit your application by 15 January 2022**

Any applications received after 15/01/2022 will be processed after all those who applied on-time, and families could potentially miss out on a place at their preferred school.

If you are not able to apply online, please contact school admissions to request a paper form however there must be a legitimate reason for you not applying online. This form must reach school admission team by 15/01/2022.

### **USEFUL INFORMATION:**

[www.haringey.gov.uk/children-and-families/schools-and-education/school-admissions/starting-primary-school](http://www.haringey.gov.uk/children-and-families/schools-and-education/school-admissions/starting-primary-school) - All relevant information

[www.haringey.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.haringey.gov.uk/schooladmissions) - Booklet and open events information.

[www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk) – E-admission site/online application.

[www.haringey.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.haringey.gov.uk/schooladmissions) - Distance Calculator

[schooladmissionscs@haringey.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissionscs@haringey.gov.uk) - This is the email address parents can use if they are out of borough residents requesting their home to school distance measurements for Haringey schools.

## **Secondary School Applications**

The deadline to apply for secondary schools have now passed please speak to Haringey Admission Team if you have not yet submitted your application.

[schooladmissions@haringey.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@haringey.gov.uk)

0208 489 1000.

<https://www.haringey.gov.uk/children-and-families/schools-and-education/school-admission>



# YOUR CHILD STOPS BREATHING.

## WOULD YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO?

Learn first aid, child safety, get health advice and meet local parents.

**FREE** courses run by doctors, nurses & parents.

ABC Parents

**A** Achieving a  
**B** Better  
**C** Community

**FEEL CONFIDENT**

**LEARN TOGETHER**

**MEET OUR CHILD HEALTH CHAMPIONS & MAKE LOCAL FRIENDS**

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**AMBER**

**GREEN**

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NOW**

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➔ <https://abcnewparents.eventbrite.co.uk>

**Parents/carers with child > 6 months**

➔ <https://childandbaby.eventbrite.co.uk>



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