

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 92.6% KS1: Jeffers 95.2% KS2: Mian 98.8%

Last Day of Term and Class Parties

As usual, school will close after lunch on Friday 17th December; please could you collect your children at the following times, staggered to allow for social distancing.

- Nursery a.m. children: 11:45am (usual time)
- Nursery all day children: 12:45pm
- Reception: 12:30pm
- Years 1 & 2: 12:35pm
- Years 3 & 4: 12:40pm
- Years 5 & 6: 12:50pm

Too Good To Go

Every day, delicious, fresh food goes to waste at cafes, restaurants, hotels, shops and manufacturers - just because it hasn't sold in time. The Too Good To Go app lets you buy and collect this food - at a great price - so it gets eaten instead of wasted. You won't know exactly what's in your order until you pick it up - it's all part of the surprise. Download the app to see what is available near you.



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.

Class Parties

There will be class parties in the morning on the last day of term (nursery will send out further information about this in order to cater for afternoon-only children). In order to allow us to set food aside for 72 hours due to possible COVID transmission, please could any party food donations be brought in to classes on Tuesday 14th December. Only foods on allergy-safe list below will be accepted.

DRINKS

Apple juice or squash
Orange juice or squash
Water
No mixed fruit drinks

FRUITS/VEGETABLES

Fresh fruits: apples, oranges, bananas, grapes, pear, blueberries
Fresh vegetables: carrots, celery, tomatoes, cucumbers

DAIRY

Cheddar cheese (frozen – we will cook in school on the day)
Four cheese pizza (frozen – we will cook in school on the day)
Margherita pizza (frozen – we will cook in school on the day)

BISCUITS

Oreo
McVities Digestives/Chocolate Digestives

CRISPS

Ready salted crisps
Cheese and onion crisps
Barbecue flavoured crisps
Salt and vinegar crisps
Quavers (**egg free**)
Wotsits (**egg free**)
Walkers French Fries
Popcorn (**egg free, wheat free, gluten free**)

CAKES

Rice Krispie squares (**egg free, wheat free**)

CHOCOLATES

Cadbury Dairy Milk Giant Buttons
Maltesers
Cadbury Twirl
Cadbury Flake chocolate bar
Cadbury Crunchie
Cadbury Fudge

Christmas Facebook Live on keeping children safe, offline and on phones, games & devices

We encourage the positive use of technology at school and often talk about the fun that goes on in lessons, but we also discuss the scary things too throughout the year. As we approach the holidays, why not find out about you parents can help – whether by setting parental time and age controls (before you wrap new ones), or simply by finding out more about what’s going on?

There will be a Facebook Live drop-in for parents on Monday 20 December 7pm on the @LGfLDigiSafe channel talking about staying safe online and offline too – what to worry about and what not, and how to have tricky conversations at home. There will also be discussion of how parents can help with bullying, relationships, criminal and sexual exploitation and simply starting tricky conversations! Sign up now by heading to facebook.com/LGfLDigiSafe/posts where you can click ‘Interested’ / ‘Going’ on the post to receive a reminder when it is about to go live.

Food Bank

We are pleased that our foodbank has been growing and going from strength to strength and has been used by many families. Our foodbank continues to support more and more families. If you need any support and would like to access the food bank before the Festive Break please get in touch with Mrs Kamelia Johnson.



Autistic Well-being and Joy over the Festive season

Joy in the holidays

Thursday 16 December 9.30-12pm on Zoom

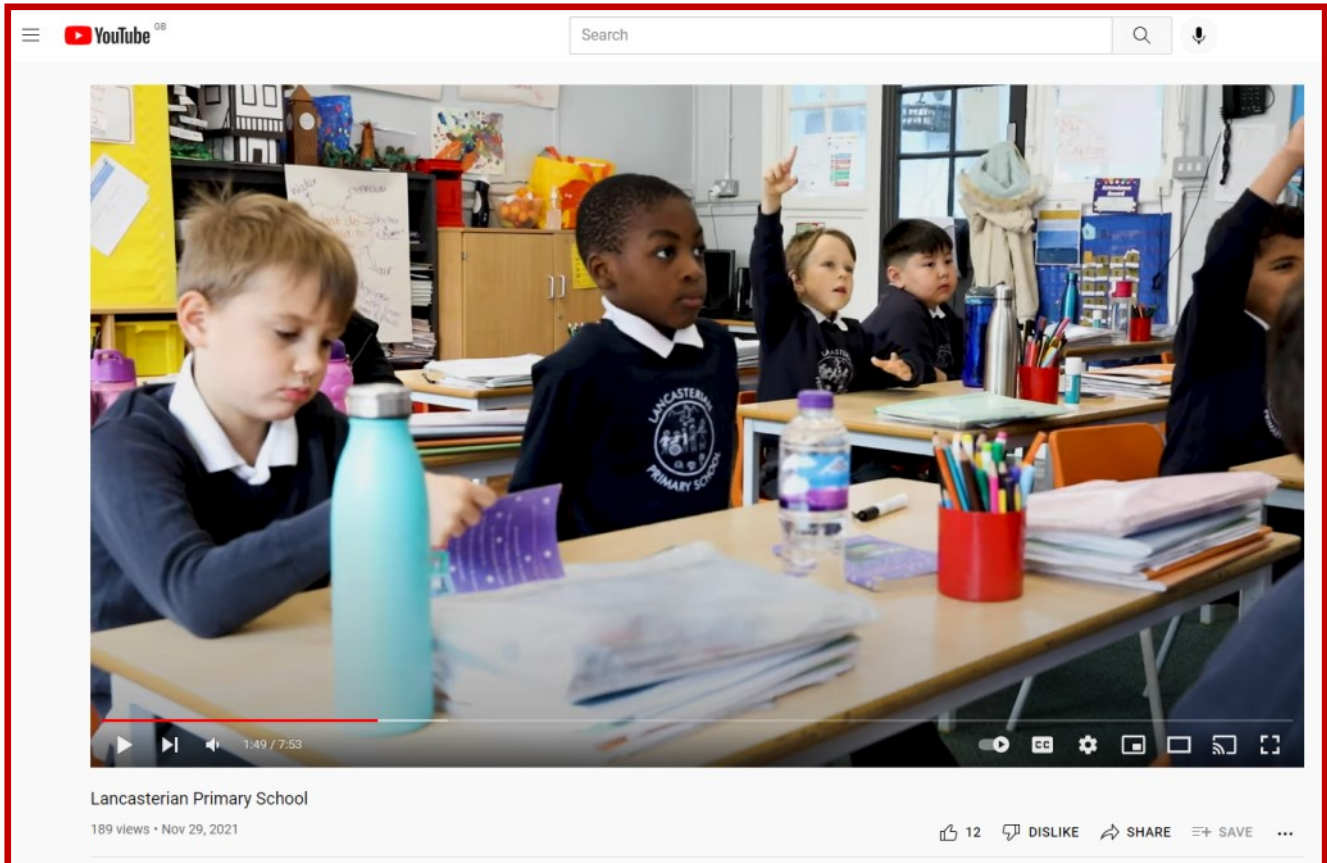
An online session for parents and carers of autistic young people, sharing ideas on how families enjoy and plan for the festive season. A chance to share and hear what other families do during this period.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://haringey-gov-uk.zoom.us/join/jsoGtOtxwd7SLt3if7NHhkXIZQN>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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>

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

Thankyou for your cooperation.

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 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 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

6 days or less
absence per year
97% or above
VERY GOOD
THIS IS YOUR
TARGET

Between
7 and 19 days
absence per year
90% - 96%
BELOW
EXPECTATIONS

More
than 19 days
absence per year
Under 90%
POOR
ATTENDANCE

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 - All relevant information

www.haringey.gov.uk/schooladmissions - Booklet and open events information.

www.eadmissions.org.uk – E-admission site/online application.

www.haringey.gov.uk/schooladmissions - Distance Calculator

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

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

RED

AMBER

GREEN

BOOK NOW FOR OUR FREE COURSES IN ENFIELD & HARINGEY

**SIGN UP
NOW**

New Parents Programme if pregnant or child < 6 months

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

Parents/carers with child > 6 months

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



Scan QR
code to
register
interest or
refer to us.

CERTIFICATES GIVEN. Help with childcare can be arranged.
Any questions, please email northmid.abcparents@nhs.net