



# Garden Suburb Junior School

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4<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all kept well and had a relaxing break, without too many disruptions to your family plans.

We are all very much looking forward to welcoming the children back to school tomorrow morning. Please remember, the school doors open at **8.45am** and the children should be in their classrooms ready for an **8:55am** start each day.

**School lunches** can be paid online - please see the payment details that have been uploaded to your Iris (ParentMail) shop.

### **Please ensure that your child wears layers to keep warm**

We will be continuing with measures to keep the classrooms as well ventilated as possible. As the weather is cold we are advising that children wear extra layers of clothes during lessons eg a fleece or sweatshirt (in addition to their uniform) as this may be more comfortable than a coat in class.

I hope we can minimise any disruptions due to Covid-19 in the coming term, but clearly we will all need to continue to work safely and considerately, following the measures that schools are being asked to implement:

### **Some requests from us to help keep cases under control:**

- **Testing before returning to school tomorrow.**  
Please ensure that your child takes a LFD tests at home before coming in tomorrow.
- **Please do not send your child to school if they have symptoms of COVID-19.** If children have any ill health symptoms they should not come to school and get a PCR test. Please keep the school informed on [welfare@gsjs.barnetmail.net](mailto:welfare@gsjs.barnetmail.net) and **include your child's full name and class in the message. Please note the changes to the self-isolation period detailed below.**
- If a household has a member who tests positive on a lateral flow or PCR, the rest of the household should take lateral flow tests for 7 days. If they have symptoms or a positive result a PCR should be booked.
- Please ensure you have a stock of lateral flow tests at home so you can continue to test regularly. Tests can be ordered (for free) from the NHS, click on the following link to either have some sent to your home, or to be collected from a pharmacy near you: [Rapid lateral flow coronavirus \(COVID-19\) tests - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/rapid-lateral-flow-coronavirus-covid-19-tests)

### **Home Learning**

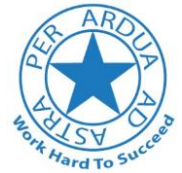
Home learning will be uploaded to 'Showbie' for those who are well enough to complete school work.





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## Class Assemblies

We are hoping to continue with our class assemblies

The rescheduled Year 3 assembly dates are on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January** as follows:

**3J Class Assembly 9:15 am**

**3G Class Assembly 2:30pm**

Parents are invited to attend their child's class assembly

## Year 4 Class Assemblies

Save the date for your child class assembly which will take place in the school hall at 2:30pm on the following dates:

**4G Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January**

**4S Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February**

**4J Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February**

## The self-isolation advice for people with coronavirus (COVID-19) has changed.

It is now possible to end self-isolation after 7 days, following 2 negative LFD tests taken 24 hours apart. The first LFD test should not be taken before the sixth day. Summaries of the main changes are written below, but the full guidance can be found here:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection?utm\\_source=2%20January%202022%20C19&utm\\_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm\\_campaign=DfE%20C19](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection?utm_source=2%20January%202022%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19)

## Changes to the self-isolation period for individuals who test positive for COVID-19

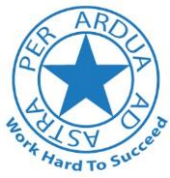
The 10-day self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 has been reduced to 7 days in most circumstances, unless you cannot test for any reason.

- Individuals may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period.
- Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation.
- The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. This also applies to children under 5, with LFD testing at parental or guardian discretion.
- If both these test results are negative, and your child does not have a high temperature, they may end their self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to school from day 7.
- If your child does not take a LFD test, they must complete the 10-day isolation period.

## Daily testing for close contacts of COVID-19

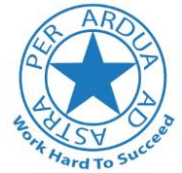
People who are fully vaccinated, or children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months, identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, should take an LFD test every day for seven days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms at any time.





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Children under 5 are not being advised to take part in daily testing of close contacts. If a child under 5 is a contact of a confirmed case, they are not required to self-isolate and should not start daily testing. If they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 they should limit their contact with anyone who is at higher risk of severe illness if infected with COVID-19, and arrange to take a PCR test as soon as possible. They can continue to attend an education or childcare setting while waiting for the PCR result. If the test is positive, they should follow the stay at home guidance.

**Thank you for your continued support for the measures we are carrying out in school, and I wish you a happy and healthy new year.**

With kind regards,

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar  
Head teacher

