



Garden Suburb Junior School

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7th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

We have made a successful start to the new term. Thank you for keeping the school informed regarding attendance issues. Currently pupil attendance is good. I am pleased to say that we do not have staffing issues currently either.

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

Extra-curricular Activities

Activities will start week beginning 10th January apart from Chess which will start the week beginning 17th January.

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:

- **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 take lateral flow test. Please keep the school informed on welfare@gsjs.barnetmail.net and **include your child's full name and class in the heading of the message.**
- 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.
- 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)

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Home Learning

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

Class Assemblies

We are hoping to continue with our class assemblies

The rescheduled Year 3 assembly dates are on **Friday 14th 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 25th January

4S Tuesday 1st February

4J Tuesday 8th February

(Please note the change of date for 4G class assembly)

Thank you for your continued support for the measures we are carrying out in school

Please note the changes to testing and self-isolation detailed below.

With kind regards,

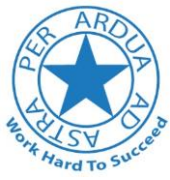
Mrs Eileen Bhavsar
Head teacher

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





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

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

Confirmatory PCR tests following a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test result are to be temporarily suspended from Tuesday 11 January. This will mean that anyone who receives a positive LFD test result will be required to self-isolate immediately and will not be required to take a confirmatory PCR test.

- 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. 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.

