

8th April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Online Safety

It is important to empower parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. The guide attached to this newsletter focuses on one issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. For further guidance, hints and tips please visit,

www.nationalonlinesafety.com (click on the tab guides)



Our new animal friend

Over the past couple of days we have befriended a male black cat. He has made several attempts to enter the school building. We have taken the cat to the vets and have found that the cat is not chipped so we are unable to find its rightful owner. If all our families could spread the word we hope to reunite the cat with its family.



School Holiday Dates

Please click this link to find this years school holiday dates and also for the academic year 22-23.

http://www.alexandrapark.oldham.sch.uk/?page_id=71

Spelling Shed Winners

LOOK at the top spellers from each class this week, they will be awarded with 5 dojo points each!

Well done if you have been practising lots at home!

Year 3

Class 1 - 'Clayton Wilford' with 99,508 points

Class 3 - 'Oswin Pavan' with 7,200 points

Year 4

Class 4 - 'Gentry Kodama' with 1,854 points

Class 5 - 'Reese Loussier' with 149,957 points

Class 6 - 'Samson Omos' with 126,764 points

Year 5

Class 7 - 'Mohammed S' with 133,657 points

Class 8 - 'Maneeza' with 59,483 points

Year 6

Class 12 - 'A1K1' with 2,712,750 points WOW WOW WOW!



Thank you to all the children and families who have let Mrs Griffin know any alias'. She has contacted Spelling Shed to stop these from automatically appearing and they have informed us that everyone has to change their name themselves. So please do try this next time you log on.

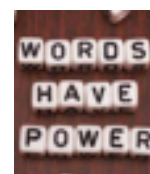


TT Rockstars - CELEBRATIONS!

The most accurate Class	Class 3
The most active class	Class 6
The most improved speed:	Khushi Chouldrey Class 6 AGAIN!
The most active child	Amir Khan Cuevas Class 2

Word Aware

This week's word is '**tranquil**'. Please encourage your child to use this word when out and about and complete the activities, which Miss Varley will share on Class Dojo.



COVID UPDATE

Following the recent changes in guidance announced by the government on 1st April, we would like to clarify what you need to do if your child becomes ill.

Children and young people who are unwell with symptoms of COVID-19 and who either have a high temperature or feel too poorly for school, should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.

We are no longer being advised to test for COVID-19 even for individuals who have symptoms.

Where families still have tests at home and decide to use them, the isolation guidance has been updated. Children with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days, which is when they are most infectious. Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should do the same for 5 days.

The list of symptoms of COVID-19 has been updated. They can include:

- a high temperature or shivering (chills) – a high temperature means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste
- shortness of breath

- feeling tired or exhausted
- an aching body
- a headache
- a sore throat
- a blocked or runny nose
- loss of appetite
- diarrhoea
- feeling sick or being sick

The symptoms are very similar to symptoms of other illnesses, such as colds and flu.

We therefore remind you not to send your child into school if they are unwell. If we feel your child is unwell, in order to protect the other pupils and staff, we will ask you to collect them.

Thank you for your support in helping to keep our school safe.

COVID Test results - REMINDER



A reminder to parents to send any results to us directly regarding COVID.
This email is covid@alexandrapark.oldham.sch.uk

We thank all parents for the immediate responses we have had. You have certainly worked with staff to support the safety of children and staff with high levels of communication.

**Wishing all our families a blessed Ramadan
and a happy Easter.**



**Have a safe and fun holiday.
We return to school on Monday 25th April.**

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about THE OFCOM CHILDREN AND PARENTS: MEDIA USE AND ATTITUDES REPORT 2022

ONLINE LIFE

99%

of children went online in 2021

Who owns a mobile phone?

24%

of 3 to 7-year-olds

60%

of 8 to 11-year-olds

98%

of 12 to 17-year-olds

ONLINE BULLYING

4 in 10 children were bullied. How many of them were bullied online?

74% of 8-11s

92% of 12-15s

84% of 16-17s

FAKE NEWS

NEWS

Save the Tree Octopus!

72% of teens said they could tell real from fake – but in tests, only 11% chose reliable identifiers that a post was genuine.



GAMING AMONG CHILDREN



18% of 3-4s



38% of 5-7s



69% of 8-11s



76% of 12-15s



73% of 16-17s

ONLINE SAFETY

42%



of parents knew the minimum age requirement for using social media



90%

of parents had high awareness of parental tools and controls, but only 70% use them

89%



of children got online safety guidance from parents



of children got online safety guidance from teachers

PARENTAL CONCERNS

4 in 10

parents were concerned about their child's screen time



18

CENSORED

7 in 10

were concerned about age-inappropriate content



5 in 10

were concerned about content promoting self-harm



were concerned about extremist content online

POPULAR PLATFORMS

What percentage of children used ...



YouTube: 89%



Facebook: 40%



WhatsApp: 53%



FaceTime: 32%



TikTok: 50%



iMessage: 15%



Snapchat: 42%



Zoom: 14%



Instagram: 41%

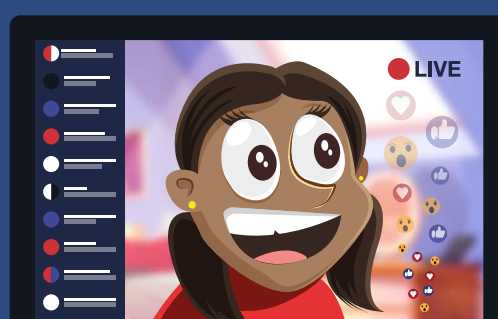


Twitter: 13%

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Sources: https://www.ofcom.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0024/234609/childrens-media-use-and-attitudes-report-2022.pdf

SOCIAL MEDIA AND LIVE STREAMING



Age groups	Children who use live streaming apps	Children who use social media
3 to 4-year-olds	32%	21%
5 to 7-year-olds	39%	33%
8 to 11-year-olds	54%	64%
12 to 15-year-olds	73%	91%
16 to 17-year-olds	79%	97%