



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 5th March 2021

Back to School!

We are really looking forward to welcoming all children back to school on Monday morning.

Thank you to all the staff at Good Shepherd. They have done a fantastic job during the last 8 weeks during challenging circumstances and I know they are looking forward to seeing their classes and getting back to some sort of normality.



Headteacher Awards

Well done to the following children for their virtual certificates:

Rec Bishoy & Annaya

Y1 Annette & Uriel

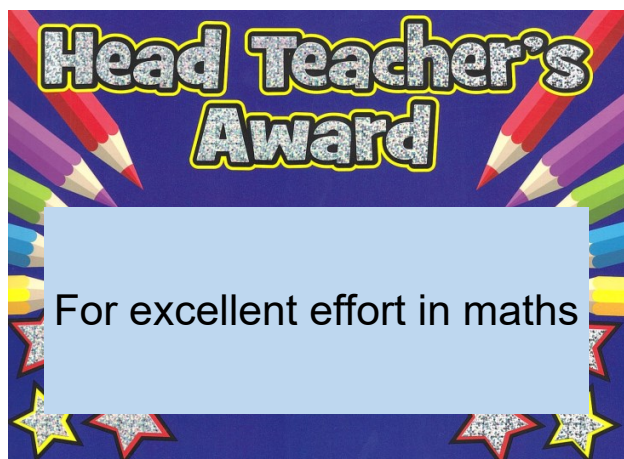
Y2 Erin & Mohamad

Y3 Daniel & Joanna

Y4 Aaliyah & Josef

Y5 Isabelle & Nevaeh

Y6 Joseph & Saphir



Home Testing for All Families

There will be no testing of children at Good Shepherd as this is for secondary-aged pupils only. However, the government has confirmed twice-weekly testing using rapid lateral flow tests will be given for free to all families and households with primary, secondary school and college aged children and young people, including childcare and support bubbles. This is to help find more COVID-19 cases and break chains of transmission. More information is available on the following link:

[All households with children of school age to get 2 rapid COVID-19 tests per person per week - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/all-households-with-children-of-school-age-to-get-2-rapid-covid-19-tests-per-person-per-week)

You can collect 2 packs of home test kits at a local collection point. Each pack contains 7 tests.

Anyone 18 or over can collect.

Most collection points are open from 1.30pm to 7pm. You can check online if the location is open or busy before you go. You do not need to make an appointment.

Do not visit a collection point outside opening hours, as it may be used to test people with coronavirus symptoms outside these times.

[Find your nearest home test kit collection point.](#)

Order home test kits online

If you are unable to go to a test site or collect test kits, you can order a home test kit online.

[Order rapid lateral flow home test kits](#)

Respect

Responsibility

Determination

Positivity

Teamwork

More Arrangements for Next Week

Following the information sent out earlier this week, we have had a few queries which I wanted to share with everyone:

Boosters—There will be no before-school boosters next week. Boosters will resume on 15th March and parents will be told if this applies to their child, and if so, the day(s) and time.

PE—Children should come to school on PE days in their PE kits. The PE sessions for the rest of the year are as follows:

Y1—Monday & Friday

Y2—Tuesday & Friday

Y3—Wednesday & Friday

Y4—Tuesday & Wednesday

Y5—Monday

Y6—Friday

End of day arrangements—It will not be possible to collect siblings at the same time as each other as this would mean they would miss part of their last lesson of the day. I understand that this will involve waiting around for some parents but the reason for the staggered end is to ease congestion at the end of day. Please could parents ensure they stand away from the windows and doors whilst they are waiting so as not to distract the children from their learning.

Face coverings—primary-aged children are not expected to wear face coverings at school but parents/carers and older siblings must wear a face covering.

One way system—All parents should walk up the drive, through the infant gate, and walk out through the junior gate and down the path in order to ease congestion.

School office—Parents should not come to the school office and should call or email with any queries please. If they need to speak to the teacher they can email the office with their query and we will pass to the teacher – please do not try to speak to teachers in person when collecting children.

A Reminder of Timings

	Arrive	Leave
Nursery	9:00	3:15
Reception	8:40	2:55
Year 1	8:50	3:05
Year 2	8:40	2:55
Year 3	8:50	3:05
Year 4	9:00	3:15
Year 5	8:45	3:15
Year 6	8:40	3:10

These timings may change depending on levels of congestion.

Laptops

If you borrowed a laptop for your child's home learning, children must return these on Monday to the classroom and not the office.

A Prayer for your Family

God be with our family,
From the youngest to the oldest,
Lighting up our relationships,
Sowing grace into our troubles.
God be with our family,
Weaving love into our work,
Our rest, and our play. Amen



If you need to contact the office, please email or telephone on **01689 841 771**
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*Have a good weekend
and stay safe, Mrs Day*