

Message from Mrs Lendon, Head of School

Dear Parent/Carer,

Happy Holidays - we made it!

As we reach the end of term I would like to thank you all for your kind words and generosity. This year has been challenging and at times difficult but as a community we have navigated the year together. The staff have continued to adapt and are truly amazing. They have worked in a way that has never been seen before and I would like to thank everyone for their dedication to our school their hard work and support.

As you are aware, the case numbers are on the rise, so please ensure that you follow guidance if your child develops symptoms. In line with new guidance, from 19th July, NHS Test and Trace are now taking responsibility for identifying and notifying close contacts. If it is identified that your child has been in close contact with the affected person we will pass this information on the NHS Test and Trace team where required. You will likely be contacted by NHS Test and Trace as soon as possible to notify you your child has been identified as a close contact and to self-isolate.

If one of our school community, staff or child tests positive we need to make the rest of the community aware. This is not something we want to do but **do have a duty to do** for all our loved ones' safety. The school email will be checked twice daily for the first six days of the summer break during the hours of 9am- 5pm only. Please **ONLY** use this email to report **COVID positive** cases and leave all other queries until we return to school on Thursday 2nd September.

Reporting a positive Covid-19 case during the Holidays

If you need to report a confirmed positive case of Covid-19 over the Holidays, **please email the school ONLY if you know that your child was in school during their infectious days (i.e. 48 hours before symptoms began or, if asymptomatic, from the day that the test was taken).**

I hope you all have a lovely holiday and a wonderful summer break - and look forward to a year, where, hopefully, we will say goodbye to bubbles and other restrictions.

Kind regards

Mrs Lendon



New timings from September 2021

The following outlines our plans for September. However, should there be an outbreak, arrangements and timings may change.

- There will no longer be a one-way system on site.
- Gates will open at **8.40 am**. Please do not arrive too early to avoid queuing
- Doors will open at **8.45 for all pupils**.
- Y3 and 4L years 1 and 2 will enter through the Hall door
- Reception classes will enter through the external Hedgehog classroom door, The rainbow room door and the Badger door.
- Gates / doors will close at **8.55 am** and registers will be taken at that time.
- Any children entering after this time will need enter via the office, and explain why they are late.
- School gates will open at the end of the day at 3 pm.
- Reception will be released from the reception entrances / exits at 3.05pm
- Maple and Oak classes will be released from library exit and Cedar from the Computer suite door at 3.10pm
- Parents need to wait just beyond the snakes and ladders playground markings.
- Wren & Owl classes will be released from the main hall. Robin from the classroom door at 3.10pm
- We ask that parents stand back and make the teacher aware of their presence as their child is released
- We request that all parents / carers collect pupils and exit the school site promptly and avoid congregating.
- **Gates will close by 3.25 pm.**

Lunch Hall

We were anticipating our new kitchen / school dinner hall to be built during the summer holidays.

Unfortunately, this week, we have been notified that due to delays with the manufacturers and an outbreak of COVID at the factory, installation has now been delayed until October half-term. This will mean that in September school dinners will be served in the main hall along with the packed lunches. From November, pupils who are having school dinners will eat in the new dining hall, and those who have packed lunches will remain in the school hall.

School Uniform

As of September, pupils should fully adhere to our school uniform policy. This can be found on our website:

[uniform - upminster infant school \(uis.havering.sch.uk\)](http://uniform-upminsterinfantschool.org.uk)

PE kits

From September, pupils will no longer need to come into school wearing their PE kits.

Instead pupils will need to bring in their PE kits with them from the first day and keep them in school. Please note our PE kit policy on our website

[Uniform - Upminster Infant School \(uis.havering.sch.uk\)](http://uis.havering.sch.uk)

Please note that PE skirts & skorts are **not** part of our policy - we request that in September all pupils wear shorts as outlined on our website.

Diary dates

22.7.21 - LAST DAY OF TERM FOR PUPILS

23.7.21 - INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PUPILS

01.09.21 - INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PUPILS

02.09.21 - SCHOOL TERM BEGINS FOR PUPILS

Office

Thank you to all parents for refraining from entering our school office and hence minimising contact. As you know, the office area is a contained space and as part of our risk assessment, we still need to restrict access. We therefore ask that you do not enter the office unless you are coming to a pre-arranged meeting, or agreed by a senior member of staff. Please continue to email the office / phone for general enquiries. If you do need to enter, you will be required to wear a face mask.

The office email is:

enquiries@uis.havering.sch.uk



Star Value Awards

A massive well done to all 'Star Awards' this week and last week. Keep up your hard work!

Class	Child
Hedgehog Class	Clayton, Alexandrina Macey, Sienna, Jacob, Frank & Buddy
Rabbit Class	Ellis & Whole class
Badger Class	Alex & Thomas
Cedar Class	Wilson
Maple Class	Whole class
Oak Class	Whole class
Robin Class	Whole class
Swift Class	Whole class
Wren Class	Whole class

We are all very proud of you.



Online Safety

As the summer holiday approaches we know inevitably children will be spending more time online at home. Now more than ever it is important to talk to your child about staying safe online and about the games apps that they are using. I would like to offer you some of these top tips for staying safe online.

LGfL **DigiSafe**
keeping children safe

SIX TOP TIPS
For Parents To Keep Your Children Safe Online

Children and young people are bound to spend lots more time on devices since Covid. **DON'T FEEL BAD** – lots will be schoolwork or healthy ways of catching up with friends or having fun. There are many ways to keep them safe, healthy and happy.

Don't worry about screen time; aim for screen quality

Scrolling through social media isn't the same as making a film or story, or Skyping Grandma. Use the Children's Commissioner's 'Digital Five A Day' to plan or review each day together.

Check the safety settings are turned on

Whether it's your home internet, mobile devices, consoles, apps or games, there are lots of settings to make them safer. The key ones are - can they chat to strangers, can they video chat or 'go live', are their posts public? **Internet Matters** has hundreds of guides to parental controls.

Get your children to show you their apps and games

You don't need to know all about the latest app or game, but if your child shows you what they are doing and with whom, you'll probably see if it's appropriate or not. Remember 18 games are not more advanced – they are harmful to children! For parent guides to apps, including recommendations for kidsafe apps and video platforms, search for **Common Sense Media** or **NSPCC's NetAware**. And why not download the **BBC Own It** app?

Don't try to hide news about scary things in the news

If you don't talk about it, your children might read inappropriate pages, believe scare stories or simply catastrophise in their heads. Why not watch **Newsround** together and talk about how they feel – there is guidance from **Childline** to help you.

Remind them of key online safety principles

There are too many to list, but remember human behaviour is the same online and offline. Remind your children to be a good friend, to ask for help if they are worried or if someone is mean, not to get undressed on camera and most important of all... if somebody tells them not to tell or ask for help because it's too late or they will get in trouble, **THAT'S A LIE!**

If you aren't sure, ASK!

Your school may be able to give you advice, but there are plenty of other places to ask for help as a parent or a child, whether it is advice or help to fix something. Lots of sites are listed at reporting.lgfl.net, including ones to tell your kids about (they might not want to talk to you in the first instance).

Follow the links above, visit parentsafe.lgfl.net for much more or follow us @LGfL.DigiSafe on Twitter or Facebook



In addition to this LGfL have launched an excellent new portal for parents called PARENTSAFE

<https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/#h.7pzzapffhj9q>.

This contains a huge amount of practical advice and tips to support you in keeping your child safe online. The poster below is one of the many resources they have on their site.

Holiday Help

Please use the websites below via these QR codes to support your child over the holiday.



Dough Disco



Library Challenge



Bug Club



Times Tables Rockstars



Numbots



Phonics Play