



A Very Happy New Year

Dear Parents /Carers

Eye Checks

As we move into this New Year this is a great time to make an appointment for your children to have their eyes checked. So many children struggle unnecessarily in classes through poor vision. This can be so easily rectified through an appointment with the optician. Please see overleaf for further information.

Recycling Christmas Cards

Christmas card recycling. Do not throw your old Christmas cards in the bin. Please bring them into school and help us to recycle and hopefully win a competition to win £250 for school.

Welcome Mrs White

We are very pleased to announce that Mrs Coleen White is our new chairperson for our academy council. Mrs White will lead the council in being a critical friend to the school. Many congratulations!



Safety Online

With more and more people using social media and playing games online we want to help ensure that all children know how to stay safe. Part of this work will include passing onto you safety alerts we receive.

Alert of the Week

We have been notified of a game that is resulting in online bullying via SnapChat.

Snapchatters send the letter 'X' to a Snapchat friend. The actions which follow result in someone being victimised. As you can imagine the results can be incredibly harmful.

This is not a game and is unacceptable, dangerous and online bullying behaviour.

To help keep children safe, we suggest that the Snapchat app be removed from devices of children who are under the recommended age of 13+.



Parking

Can I please remind you that the car park is for staff and school transport only. The car park is not large enough to accommodate additional vehicles.



Dogs

Due to health and safety reasons can I please remind you that dogs are not allowed on school property.

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Routine eye tests are offered to newborn babies and children to identify any problems early on in their development.

Although serious vision problems during childhood are rare, early testing ensures that any problems are picked up and managed as early as possible.

Why eye tests are important.

Routine eye tests offered soon after birth can detect some eye problems immediately, and tests offered later on can help identify any problems that were missed or develop as your child gets older.

Children may not realise they have a vision problem, so without routine tests there is a risk that any problems could go undiagnosed for months or years.

It's important for eye problems to be identified as early as possible, because they can have a significant impact on a child's development and education.

Eye problems are often much easier to treat if detected while a child's vision is still developing (usually up to about seven or eight years of age). An early diagnosis will help to ensure that you and your child have access to any special support services you may need.

When will my child's eyes be checked?

Your child's eyes may be checked:

- within 72 hours of birth
- between six and eight weeks old
- at around one year old or between two and two-and-a-half years old

It is recommended that children have regular eye tests at least once every two years. These tests can be done at high street opticians and are free for all children under 16 years old (and those under 19 years old in full-time education).

Speak to your GP or health visitor if you have any concerns about your child's vision at any stage (see spotting vision problems below).

Kind Regards

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Principal