



DISCOVERY ACADEMY NEWS

Contact during the holidays

Even though it is half-term, it is important that you still notify the school of any positive cases you may have in your household.

If someone in your household tests positive for COVID-19 during the holiday please email us at infodiscoveryhyde@victoriousacademies.org stating who is positive, date symptoms started and the test date. This is so we can liaise with Public Health Tameside and plan any required action for our return. Only Covid related emails will be replied to during the holidays.

Home Learning

We have sent home a pack of work for you to keep at home in case of any bubble closures over the holiday period. Please keep this safe and only use it if school direct you to.

Remember there will also be learning set online each day through Purple Mash and Oak Academy.

Support

Thank you for the amazing support you have shown the Academy during this half term. This 'new normal' has been a challenge but we have worked together to minimise risk. Thank you so much for all the kind emails and messages of support I have received recently – It is great to be part of the Discovery Family.

Also a huge thank you to the Local Governing Board and the PTFA who are still supporting the school from a distance. Today they have provided a small treat for every child to either celebrate a great half term or if you do, to celebrate Halloween. Thank you to the LGB and PTFA for this kind gesture.

Thursday PE from 2nd November 2020

Just a reminder that after the holidays (Week commencing 2nd November) we would like the children to come to school in their PE kit on a Thursday. Due to Covid, unless the weather is particularly bad, the children will do PE outside. This includes in cold weather. Therefore, we ask that all children come to school in a **PE kit fit for the weather and for the day**. This must be **plain black** (no logos or patterns)– black leggings, jogging trousers, tights under normal shorts and a white t-shirt. For their jumper they can either wear a black jumper/hoodie or their school jumper.

Tuesday PE from 2nd November 2020

For the short term, whilst the weather is bad, children will complete their Dance lesson in their uniform as PE kits can't be in school for Tuesday and at home ready to wear all day Thursday and we do not expect you to purchase two kits. This is just a short term measure whilst we have the cold weather.

Tier 3

We are now in Tier 3 lockdown restrictions. The guidance is very clear and we ask that only parents/childminders collect children from school. If there are exceptional circumstances or you have people in your bubble (one single adult household joining your family **OR** you are the single adult household joining another family) please contact school so we are aware. It is expected that School Leaders (i.e. Head teachers) challenge where this is not occurring. Please do not be offended if asked about your circumstances by myself or a member of my team. We are all working together to reduce risk as best we can.

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HM Government



LOCAL COVID ALERT LEVEL
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Social Contact  1 household / bubble in most locations, indoors and outdoors. Rule of six applies in some outdoors settings like parks, public gardens and sports courts.	Weddings and Funerals  Up to 15 guests for weddings and up to 30 guests for funerals. 15 for wakes and related ceremonies. Wedding receptions not permitted.	Overnight Stays  Those in area advised against overnight stays in other parts of UK. People outside area advised against overnight stays in area.	Working from home guidance  Work from home where possible.
Shopping and Retail  Open.	Leisure and gyms  Any closures or additional restrictions subject to consultation.	Hospitality  Pubs and bars must close except where they operate as a restaurant, meaning they can only serve alcohol with a substantial meal. Further closures subject to consultation.	Entertainment and tourist attractions  Any closures / additional restrictions subject to consultation. Nightclubs and adult entertainment remain closed.
Education  Schools, FE colleges open. Universities must reflect wider restrictions with option to move to greater online provision.	Healthcare Services  Open.	Residential Care  Closed to external visitors other than in exceptional circumstances.	Travel and Transport  May continue to travel to open venues, but reduce number of journeys where possible. Avoid travel where possible in or out of the affected area with exceptions including work and school.
Sporting Activity  Organised sport / licensed physical activity allowed in outdoor settings. Indoor organised sport must follow social contact rules (other than youth or disabled sport).	Worship  Open, subject to social contact rules.	Childcare  Registered and wraparound childcare. Supervised activities permitted in private homes. Children's groups permitted. Childcare bubbles for under 14s.	Youth Clubs and Activities  Permitted.

There are three simple actions we must all do to keep on protecting each other:



Wash hands
keep washing your hands regularly



Cover face
wear a face covering in enclosed spaces



Make space
stay at least 2 metres apart - or 1 metre with a face covering or other precautions

For more information and detailed guidance visit:
[gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

CHILD OF THE WEEK – Friday 23rd October

Each week the teachers celebrate the achievements of all children but give special recognition to some children to receive the Child of the Week award.

Nursery	Nyah	For improving in maths. Nyah recognised lots of shapes in the environment during our shape hunt.
	Eli	For having a real passion for learning. Eli has worked hard on his handwriting, numbers and in literacy this week. He is really improving.
Reception	Tommy	Improving: Tommy is starting to use his phonics knowledge in his writing.
	Harvey	Improving: Harvey could recall all the reading characters and was able to tell us a story from his reading book.
Year 1	Thomas	For Improving: Thomas has really worked hard on his writing this week. He has been focusing on his letter formation this week and produced some excellent work when we were describing the monster from our story.
	Esmæ	For Improving: Esmæ has been working really hard this week and has really shown how mature she can be. Let's hope that this is the start of an amazing journey for Esmæ in Year 1. Well done and keep it up!
Year 2	Zachary	For Achieving: Zach is an EPIC! Reader! He has read 33 books in 2 weeks! Zach you are Year 2's Reading Hero!
	Gabriel	For Improving: Gabriel has made MASSIVE progress in his phonics since September! I'm so proud of his attitude to learning and the effort he has shown towards improving his phonics! Keep it up!
Year 3	Enola	For Improving: Enola works hard in every lesson but this week she has particularly impressed us with her concentration and determination in Maths.
	Ricky	For Improving: Ricky has had a fantastic PE lesson this week even getting a special mention from Niamh!
Year 4	Casey	For Achieving: You showed an excellent attitude in this week's mile run. You paced yourself really well and pushed yourself at the end of the race to record a superb time.

The children receive their certificates from their class teacher and it is shared with the whole school through our virtual online assemblies.

WELLBEING STARS – Friday 23rd October

Each week we work on developing skills regarding mental health and wellbeing with the children. This certificate celebrates those who have shown a great understanding in this week's focus for their class.

Nursery	Lottie	Lottie-rose for always caring and being a good friend. Lottie -Rose always helps her friends when they struggle to put on their coat.
Reception	Oliver-Jack	For showing how he can follow our classroom rules and helping to tidy up our classroom.
Year 1	Amelia	Amelia took a tumble earlier this week and this could of stopped in her tracks. Amelia is a tough cookie and didn't let it stop her enjoying herself and playing happily with her friends.
Year 2	Evie-Mae	For: coming into school with a smile on her face every day this week! It not only brightens her day but everyone else's too!
Year 3	Eli	For: Showing great resilience and a bucket load of determination in the mile run this week. We are all very proud of you!
Year 4	Eddie	For talking to an adult when I have a problem and coming up with a solution by myself.