

DISCOVERY ACADEMY NEWS

Following the national lockdown being lifted. We now find ourselves in tier 3 – very high alert level. There have been some changes to the previous tier 3 level so please familiarise yourself with the below and help to keep our school and community safe – thank you.

TIER 3 VERY HIGH ALERT FROM 2 DEC

MEETING FRIENDS AND FAMILY No mixing of households indoors, or most outdoor places, apart from support bubbles. Maximum of six in some outdoor public spaces (e.g. parks, public gardens).	BARS, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS Hospitality is closed, with the exception of sales by takeaway, drive-through or delivery.	RETAIL Open.	WORK AND BUSINESS Everyone who can work from home should do so.
EDUCATION Early years settings, schools, colleges and universities open. Childcare, other supervised activities for children, and childcare bubbles permitted.	INDOOR LEISURE Open. Group activities and classes should not take place.	ACCOMMODATION Closed (with limited exceptions)	PERSONAL CARE Open.
OVERNIGHT STAYS We advise against overnight stays other than with household or support bubble.	WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS 15 guests for weddings, civil partnerships and wakes; 30 for funerals. Wedding receptions not permitted.	ENTERTAINMENT Indoor venues closed.	PLACES OF WORSHIP Open, but cannot interact with anyone outside household or support bubble.
TRAVELLING Avoid travelling outside your area, other than where necessary such as for work or education. Further exemptions apply. Reduce the number of journeys where possible. Plan ahead and avoid busy times and routes on public transport. Avoid car sharing with those outside of your household or support bubble.	EXERCISE Classes and organised adult sport can take place outdoors, but people should avoid higher-risk contact activity. Group exercise activities and sports indoors should not take place, unless with your household or bubble. Organised activities for elite athletes, under-18s and disabled people can continue.	RESIDENTIAL CARE COVID-secure arrangements such as substantial screens, visiting pods, and window visits. Outdoor/airtight visits only (rollout of rapid testing will enable indoor visits including contact).	LARGE EVENTS Events should not take place. Drive-in events permitted.

Find out what support you can get

For example, if you're out of work, need to get food, or want to take care of your mental health.

[gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

If you have any coronavirus symptoms:

A high temperature • A new, continuous cough
A loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste

Get a test and stay at home

Wearing a face mask and following this guidance protects others. By wearing a face mask (if not exempt) on site you are showing your support to the Discovery Family and acting selflessly for those around you.

Thank you to all of those families who have supported us this term.



LAST WEEK CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Wednesday 16 th December	Christmas Dinner Day	Children can wear Christmas jumpers again with uniform trousers/skirt – no donation
Thursday 17 th December	Christmas Sports Day – Santa Dash in partnership with Tameside Sports Partnership	Any sports clothes and Christmas head wear (Headbands, santa hats etc)
	Christmas Raffle	Twitter and Facebook
Friday 18 th December	Christmas Bubble Parties	Party clothes
	Virtual Visit from Father Christmas	

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Just a reminder that should anyone be planning on giving any staff Christmas gifts please can they be in school by Tuesday 15th December so that they can be quarantined for 72 hrs and staff can take them home on the last day. Communal gifts will be shared on the last day also.

We also ask that if children are wishing to give gifts to their friends that you manage this yourselves at the end of the day on Friday 18th December. Children cannot bring in gifts for friends as we are unable to quarantine them and store them. We apologise for this but hope that you will be able to do any gift exchanges at the end of the school day where parents can manage any risk.

MEDIA COVERAGE AND OPTIONAL INSET MOVEMENT

There has been significant media coverage regarding the Government’s decision to allow those who have an unused INSET day to reschedule this and use it on Friday 18th December. The headlines on social media and other media are slightly misleading. We have decided that this will not be something we will be doing at Discovery Academy.

There are a number of factors for this decision including the extended childcare issues it would present for working parents and our Christmas planning is already in place.

If anyone would like to discuss this, please do contact the school.

FUNDRAISING IN SCHOOL

We’ve registered Discovery Academy with #easyfundraising, which means over 4,000 shops and sites will now donate to us for FREE every time you use them to shop with.

These donations will help SO MUCH, so please sign up to support us – it’s completely FREE and doesn’t take long.

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/discoveryacademy-1607343757-102135743/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=gs-f1



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Thank you to everyone who has purchased a ticket. The numbers allocated will be published on the school Twitter and Facebook page and sent via email on Tuesday 15th December to ensure transparency. By taking part you agree to this information being shared on social media.

The raffle will use a random number generator to select the numbers. Each number can only be a winner once and will be contacted in order to choose their prize.

The draw will take place on **Thursday 17th December** and the recordings will be posted on Facebook and Twitter that afternoon.

Winners will be notified by the school office.

Raffle 1 – 1 prize available

Prize	Price per ticket
1 Night stay for 2 people The Mercure Manchester Piccadilly Hotel	£2

Raffle 2 – 1 prize available

Prize	Price per ticket
Pay as you go mobile phone	£1

Raffle 3 – There are now 14 prizes available – First number will choose first and we will work through the selected numbers in order until all prizes allocated.

Prize	Price per ticket
1x £25 voucher for Miss KS Aesthetics	£1
BK Auto Glow £25 Mini Valet	
Theatrics Dance Academy 1x voucher for 1 months' worth of classes	
1x £20 voucher for Bloomin Altrincham	
1x £10 vouchers for Frankies Sandwich Bar	
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Cakey Things voucher for a box of 12 cupcakes	
Be Elegant by Kelsey 1x voucher for any tan of your choice	
Loreal Age Perfect moisturizer and cleansing milk	
Soap and Glory set	
Bayliss and Harding Hand wash and Hand and Body Lotion	
Tigercise Christmas Craft Bag	
Christmas Cake	
Christmas Eve box	



CHOCOLATE RAFFLE

Thank you for all of the donations we have received. As we are unable to run our usual Chocolate Tombola we have decided to have class raffles which **all** children will be entered into and will be drawn in class on Friday 18th December. Your donations will help make every child smile.

CHRISTMAS COLOURING COMPETITION

The children took part in the Tesco Christmas colouring competition this week.

We had some fantastic entries and Mrs Broughton and Mrs McKew had the pleasure of picking the winners. Please see below the winners that were chosen anonymously.

The children's pictures are going to be displayed in the foyer of Tesco – Hattersley.

Nursery – Florence B

Reception – Tobias

Year 1 – Esmee

Year 2 – Dylan

Year 3 – Millie

Year 4 - Eddie

Well done!



CHILD OF THE WEEK – Friday 11th December

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	Lottie-Rose	For showing our school value 'Caring'. Lottie-Rose draws a picture every day and brings it into school to share with her friends. It always makes us smile.
	Ethan	For improving in PE. Ethan shown confidence climbing and jumping off the apparatus. Well done Ethan.
Reception	Brodie	For caring: Brodie helped her group to build a sleigh for Santa and made sure everyone got a turn.
	Honey	For achieving: Honey designed her own toy and talked about how she could have made it better.
Year 1	Rowyn	For Discovering: Rowyn was really excited about making our printed and tie-dyed t-shirts in DT this week. She carefully used the stencil to create a Christmas Tree print and then followed the instructions to dye the shirt in the pattern she had previously designed. Well done Rowyn.
	Hunter	For Achieving: Hunter has been working really hard on his comprehension of stories that he has read. In our recent lesson all about a lost kitten, Hunter was able to explain what was happening at different stages of the story and used some great detail. Well done Hunter keep it up!
Year 2	Sophie	For Inspiring: This week Sophie has been inspiring myself and others with her attitude to her phonics and spelling. She has made a conscious effort to think about what phoneme she can hear in the words and then which grapheme makes that phoneme. She has also come in every morning and practised spelling our focus Year 2 CEW. She is this week's Year 2 Spelling Bee!!
	Gabriel	For Improving: This week Gabriel has discovered new vocabulary in both Science and Geography and has shown great understanding of it in his work. His positive attitude to his learning has also been seen across all the other subjects!
Year 3	Alex	For Improving: Alex worked really well in English to read his work back and edit it with his partner.
	Islay	For Improving: Islay worked really well in English to read her work back and edit it with her partner.
Year 4	William	For Improving: You have made a superb effort with your presentation and English work this week. You should be very proud of the work you have produced!

WELLBEING STARS – Friday 11th December

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	Evie	For caring for her friends in the role play area. Evie invited her friends to join her for Christmas dinner and cooked up a feast.
Reception	Fabiola	Fabiola tried hard on her phonics this week and had a great 'Can do' attitude.
Year 1	Max	Max re-joined us this week and has come back with the same enthusiasm for school as always. He is trying hard in lessons, and has shown us just what we've been missing since he's been off.
Year 2	Amelia	For: being kind and showing a caring attitude towards another peer when they were upset by trying to comfort him and reassure him without being asked to do so.
Year 3	Joseph	For being a great talk partner. You encourage your friend and have formed a great partnership.
Year 4	Connor	For always looking out for others and encouraging them to do their best.

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