



Weekly Update

Friday 2nd October

Thank a Teacher

We are very proud of all our staff and children and how they have adapted so well to the changes in and around school.

There is a fantastic website that enables children and parents to send a free thank you card and message to teachers, teaching assistants or any of our other school staff.

If you or your child would like to send a thank you message, please go to [Thank a Teacher](#).

Covid-19 Updates

It is essential that if you, your child or anyone else in your household have symptoms of COVID-19 you must:

- **Not come in to school**
- **Get tested immediately**
- **Everyone in your household must stay at home.**

There are harsh penalties in place for those who fail to self-isolate. These fines start at £1000 and can rise to up to £10,000. Please make sure that if a member of your household needs to isolate, the whole household also does so.

Tests can be arranged via the following link: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/> - do keep trying as the service is very busy.

Please remember to wear a mask or face covering when coming into our main school reception – Thank you.

The NHS contact tracing app is now available. Further information and links to download the app can be found here: <https://covid19.nhs.uk/>

Communications Round-up

Please check you have read these important messages and taken action as required.

Google Classroom

We do ask all parents to complete the form to give consent for their child to use Google Classroom, as detailed in last week's letter. If you have not yet done so, please give your consent [here](#).

Cars on Site

Our Site Team have reported that unfortunately some parents and carers are still bringing their cars onto site. Please can we remind you that there is no on-site parking at any time, including for Morning Club, After School Club and Nursery drop off and collections.

Thank you for helping us to keep our site safe.

After School and Morning Club

Remember that spaces must be booked for our childcare provision via our link at: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/VDDVGSJ>. Any questions or amendments to booked sessions can be emailed to Mrs Wise at ghpsasc@maidenerleghtrust.org

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Support from The Autism Group

The Autism Group are able to offer support to those whose children have a diagnosis or are awaiting an autism assessment. They are available to offer 1:1 support sessions for parents wanting more tailored information and tips about supporting their child. These will be via telephone or Zoom, please see the flyer below for more information.

They are also continuing their 'Talks with TAG' sessions and have the following topics/dates coming up:

Girls and Autism – Thurs 8th October, 6.30pm-8.00pm - Looking at how autism affects girls and young women, why it can be difficult to diagnose and how best to support the unique pattern of behaviours of females on the spectrum. Suitable for parents and carers of primary and secondary school aged girls and young women.

High Alert – When Anxiety Strikes – Thursday 12th November 10.00am-11.30am - What to do when worries take over. We take a look at what causes anxiety and some tried and tested strategies to tackle it. Suitable for parents and carers of primary and secondary school aged children and young people.

To book your place on these sessions, please contact Becky Peates by email to: admin@theautismgroup.org.uk There are other sessions available on their website at <https://www.theautismgroup.org.uk/training/>

The Autism Group @ Home Service



This free service offers 1:1 support to parents and carers of individuals up to the age of 25 who are either on the ASD diagnostic pathway awaiting assessment or who already have a diagnosis (new or a while ago).

We aim to build parental knowledge, skills and confidence to support a family member.

An initial phone call (or email if preferred) is followed by two visits from a qualified autism professional who is also a parent of someone on the autism spectrum. Each session lasts up to 2 hours.

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To listen and respond to specific areas of difficulty by suggesting tried and tested strategies aimed at improving communication, behaviour or well-being for those on the spectrum. Our team members are friendly, professional and easy to talk to.

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A follow up visit 6 – 8 weeks later to provide an opportunity to discuss, reflect and assess the effectiveness of suggested approaches. This also gives us an opportunity to share local information and useful sources of support.

To access this free service or ask any questions, please contact:

The Autism Group on 07423 636339
Or email Tricia Kempton at tricia@theautismgroup.org.uk
Check out our other services at www.theautismgroup.org.uk
or Facebook www.facebook.com/theautismgroup

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