

# Uphill Village Academy

Newsletter 5th March 2021

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## Message from the Principal

Dear Parents & Carers,

We are all really looking forward to welcoming all our children back to school next week. We've really missed them and can't wait to take the first step back to some kind of normality. As outlined in my recent letter, we will be following strict protocols within school to keep everyone safe.

As part of this, it is really important that all families adhere to the drop off and pick up times as outlined in the timetable on page 2. Where you have siblings who have different start times, we would ask that you drop all children at the earliest time. Only **ONE** parent/adult should accompany children to/from school.

As restrictions on social gatherings between different households remain in place, we ask all adults to wear a face covering in the collection areas. If you need to approach a member of staff to discuss your child, please ensure you are wearing a face covering.

If your child or anyone in the household has symptoms of Covid-19 they should remain at home and get a test. Please continue to contact the school office team if you or any of your household tests positive for Covid-19.

We have been overwhelmed by the messages of support from parents regarding our return to school and would like to say thank you for your continued support.

Have a safe and enjoyable weekend.

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## INSET Days

Please be aware we have the following Inset days ;

**Friday 28th May 2021**

**Friday 2nd July 2021**

## Parents Evenings

Parents evening will now take place on Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th April via telephone or Microsoft Teams.

Further details to follow nearer the time.

## Breakfast Club and After School Club

We are delighted to be able to resume our Breakfast Club and After School Club provision from Monday 8th March. Our clubs are very popular, however due to Covid-19 restrictions we are currently operating with limited capacity. We are doing our best to accommodate as many children as possible at this time.

To book a place at either club you must register first, please email [office@uva.clf.uk](mailto:office@uva.clf.uk) if you need to register.

**Breakfast Club** - Breakfast Club is available each morning from 7.30am and children must arrive no later than 8.00am, with a maximum number of 20 places per day. Children will be split into two groups, KS1 and KS2, to minimise mixing. Fees remain unchanged at £2.50 per session.

**After School Club** - The After School Club operates from 2.55pm until 6.00pm. Fees remain unchanged at £8.50 per session. After School Club bookings have been split into KS1 and KS2 and there is a maximum of 15 places per day for each group.

For further information please see our website [www.uphillvillageacademy.clf.uk](http://www.uphillvillageacademy.clf.uk)



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## Staggered Drop off & Pick up Timetable

EYFS/ Year1	Side Gate (Ellesmere Road)		
	Saturn	Rainbow	Sunshine
Arrival Time	8:25 – 8:35 am	8:40 – 8:50 am	8:55 – 9:05 am
Pick-up	2:55pm	3:10pm	3:25pm

Year2	Side Gate (Ellesmere Road)	
	Jupiter	Pluto
Arrival Time	8:25 – 8:35 am	8:40 – 8:50 am
Pick-up	2:55pm	3:10pm

Year 3/4	Front Gate (Right-hand side as you look at school)		
	Voyager	Chandra	Sputnik
Arrival Time	8:40 – 8:45 am	8:30 – 8:35 am	8:50 – 8:55 am
Pick-up	3:15pm	3:10pm	3:20pm

Year 5/6	Front Gate (Left-hand side as you look at school)			
	Unicorn	Aquarius	Orion	Pegasus
Arrival Time	8:35 – 8:40 am	8:40 – 8:45 am	8:45 – 8:50 am	8:30 – 8:35 am
Pick-up	3:10pm	3:15pm	3:20pm	3:05pm

## P.E Timetable

We expect all children to attend wearing the correct P.E. kit on their P.E. day.

P.E. Kit should comply with school uniform guidelines. This should be a white t-shirt, navy or black shorts/leggings/joggers & a navy or black hoodie or sweatshirt. Trainers should be worn on P.E. days, even KS1 classes. However, if your child wears daps please ensure these fit onto the feet securely.

Class	P.E Days	Class	P.E Days
Rainbow	Monday & Thursday	Chandra	Monday & Friday
Sunshine	Monday & Thursday	Voyager	Tuesday & Thursday
Saturn	Monday & Thursday	Pegasus	Wednesday & Thursday
Jupiter	Tuesday & Wednesday	Orion	Wednesday & Friday
Pluto	Tuesday & Friday	Unicorn	Tuesday & Thursday
Sputnik	Monday & Friday	Aquarius	Wednesday & Friday

## Job Vacancy



### Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy

If you are interested in joining our fabulous lunch team and becoming a Lunchtime Supervisor please contact the school office via email at [office@uva.clf.uk](mailto:office@uva.clf.uk) for an application pack.

## Family Lateral Flow Tests

Regular testing of people without symptoms (asymptomatic testing) is important to help stop the spread of the virus. Secondary school pupils, and primary and secondary school staff, will take twice weekly tests using home test kits provided by their school.

However, from 1 March 2021, if you're a member of a household, a childcare bubble or a support bubble of a member of school staff or a school pupil you can also access asymptomatic testing.

How?

- At a local test site. You can take a rapid lateral flow test at a local site. Testing at these sites is assisted, which means you will swab yourself under the supervision of a trained operator. You may need to book an appointment. The nearest test centre is Hutton Moor Leisure Centre.
- By collecting a home test kit from a collection site. You can collect 2 packs of home test kits at a local collection point and each pack contains 7 tests. Anyone 18 or over can collect. The nearest collection site is Locking Road Car Park
- By ordering a home test kit online. If you cannot get tested at your workplace, or are unable to go to a test site or collect test kits, you can order a home test kit online. Do not order online if you can get a test through other methods. Visit <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests> to order.

Full details can be found here [www.n-somerset.gov.uk/rapidtesting](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/rapidtesting)

## Return to School Help

Going back to school can make some children nervous and it can be an anxious time for some parents. Children that have been home schooled throughout the pandemic might have questions about going back to school. The NSPCC have lots of advice to help prepare children for the return to school next week. Follow this link for further information

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/away-from-home/at-school/#coronavirus>

Most children will be happy to be returning to school but some might not. Questions such as 'What will school be like when I go back?' 'What will it be like being away from home again?' 'How do I keep safe and socially distance at school?' Whatever may be worrying your child Childline can help. For further information please follow this link;

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/school-college-and-work/school-college/school/>

Our Pastoral team at Uphill Village Academy are always available to support our families, if you have any concerns about your child(ren) please get in touch via email [learningmentor@uva.clf.uk](mailto:learningmentor@uva.clf.uk)

## Hope Project - School Uniform

The Hope Uniform Exchange Project has recently opened a small shop on Wadham Street. They are offering parents an opportunity to exchange any uniform that is too small for bigger sizes, this includes school shoes and trainers and coats.

They are currently running a 'click & collect' service and you can contact them via their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/hopeuniformexchange/> or email [projects@hopechurchonline.co.uk](mailto:projects@hopechurchonline.co.uk)

They will not be offering our logo school uniform as we will continue to sell this through the PTFA school uniform sales but this is a great way for good quality uniform to be shared with families.



# School Hot Lunch Menu

From Monday 8th March, EYFS, Year 1 & Year 2 pupils will be offered the full menu and will eat in the hall on a staggered timetable. Parents can view the menu on our website

<https://uphillvillageacademy.clf.uk/wp-content/uploads/KS1-Menu.Term-4-08032021-01042021.pdf>

Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 have a 'one hot meal' option menu. Meals will continue to be served in boxes and eaten within the child's classroom. The menu can be found on our website

<https://uphillvillageacademy.clf.uk/wp-content/uploads/KS2-Menu.Term-4-08032021-01042021-1.pdf>

For children in KS2, meals should be paid for IN ADVANCE.

Parents must ensure they have sufficient funds in their ParentPay account before their child requests a lunch.

## Dates for Your Diary

### MARCH

Monday 8th All children return to school

Friday 19th Red Nose Day

### APRIL

Thursday 1st PTFA Easter Event

**END OF TERM 4**

Monday 19th **START OF TERM 5**

Wednesday 28th Parents Evening

Thursday 29th Parents Evening

## Red Nose Day

### Red Nose Day—Friday 19th March



Red Nose Day is back on Friday 19th March, raising funds for Comic Relief. We need the power of funny to turn laughs into lasting change. From Wonder Woman and Superman to Air-Guitar-Girl and Bakes-Brilliant-Cakes-Boy, choose or create a superhero and give a small donation to dress up for the day.

To help celebrate and raise funds for this worthy cause children can wear anything red or dress up as a super hero on Friday 19th March.

Donations CANNOT be made in cash. Donations should be made on our dedicated Red Nose donations page via ParentPay.



## PTFA

We are really pleased to announce that our wonderful PTFA will be organising some events for your children to celebrate Easter this year.

**Easter Raffle** - Win a Giant Easter Egg

**Easter Egg Hunt**—Every child will have the opportunity to take part in an Easter Egg hunt on the field within their class bubble and win a chocolate Easter egg.

All details regarding the Easter events will follow in the PTFA newsletter next week.

