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Dear Families,

The pool has arrived, ready for next week when the swimming lessons begin. Please make sure your children know that they are not to come on to the playground out of school hours. Similarly the car park, by the infant building, is also off limits and is not a playground for children. Some of our pupils were playing on the car park and by the school kitchen one evening this week. This concerned us as they were very close to the big bins and other items of school property that could have caused them harm.

Parking at the The Crown—one parent's views concerning health and safety:  
*Just seen the email about the parking which I was going to email school about this morning. Think families also need to understand that they shouldn't just pull up wherever i.e. not into a parking bay or stop in their cars to either speak to another parent or let their kids out. This morning on the way out of the car park after parking up and letting my daughter out I struggled to actually get out of the car park as there were a few cars that just decided to pull over near the exit so they didn't have to get out of the car. That in itself with kids walking is dangerous especially when there were 3 cars all doing the same thing in a row.*

*Also safety on the path from The Crown to school is an issue. The amount of times people drop down onto the road and don't even bother looking to see if a car is coming. Again I slow right down as most mornings someone either a parent or worse a child just decides to walk on the road to get past someone. I know the path is narrow but that means we just have to take more care.*

Parent governors recently met with senior school staff—discussions were around: uniform and PE kits, growing up talks for Y6, whole school photo in 2022, day visits for classes who have had their residential cancelled, school meals, swimming pool hire and peer on peer abuse. Thank you to all families who put in suggestions for discussion .

The local PCSO visited school this week and spoke to Year 5 and Year 6 classes about keeping safe on the streets and online.

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/hccs1978> Please click on to the link if you want to book for the Year 5 open evening at Holmes Chapel Comprehensive.

**Link to Digital Parenting magazine below:**

<https://www.flipsnack.com/FA7569CC5A8/digital-parenting-by-vodafone-2021-edition/full-view.html>

**Miss Atkins—a head teacher who is very proud of Goostrey School and everyone associated with it.**

## Useful information

**Before and after school clubs :** booking forms available on school website

[http://www.goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk/serve\\_file/48433](http://www.goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk/serve_file/48433)

**School uniform:** [www.myschoolstyle.com/school/goostrey](http://www.myschoolstyle.com/school/goostrey)

On-line payment website address [www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schoolshop](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schoolshop)

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### An Invitation to become a Betjie-Angel

Elizabethfontein Primary, situated 35km outside Clanwilliam, is a no-fee, quintile 1 school. This is as a result of the financial standing of our parents. There are currently 265 pupils in attendance, the majority of which live in the surrounding farming district (Agter Pakhuys). Apart from the 19 teaching- and 11 hostel staff, we provide an aftercare and supervisory service for 180 pupils, especially for pupils whose home conditions are not conducive to learning.

Our motto of "Reach for the stars" is visible daily, and forms the foundation on which Elizabethfontein Primary is built. Pupils are given the opportunity to reach their full potential, and excel in terms of academics, culture and sport. Our school values of: *Love, Respect, Friendship, Kindness and Honesty* form the basis in everything we do. We Belong, We Care, and We Serve.



Greetings  
Annatjie Dames (Principal: Elizabethfontein Primary)

### How to become a Betjie Angel

We have set up a Just Giving page to enable donations to be made quickly and easily.

The Just Giving link is <http://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/elizabethfontein>

We will be sending the total sum of the donations to Elizabethfontein at the end of June.

You can donate as much you would like.

Please email Elizabethfontein School ([elizabethfonteinps@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethfonteinps@gmail.com)) and let them know that you have donated on Just Giving to become an Angel. They will send you a short profile of the child you have helped.

# Inspirational Being of the Week—discussed in classes this week Aneeshwa Kunchala



Aneeshwa Kunchala is a young conservationist from Warrington and he has just won a national lockdown hero award, beating finalists from all over the country.

He scooped the top prize in the Animal Star Awards in recognition of his work to spread the word about protecting wildlife.

The six-year-old, who has his own YouTube channel and Instagram page, is a keen naturalist and his key message is to “save the animals and keep the world beautiful”.

He took on a series of projects during lockdown raising money with a cricket and cycle challenge as well as launching a campaign to reduce single-use plastics at the end of last year.

Aneeshwar, raised nearly £3,000 for the NHS completing 1,000 hits off 411 overs with his cricket bat in ten days and collected £4,000 by cycling 4,500km with 57 children across the country as part of Little Peddlars securing 615 PPE kits for government hospitals in India.

He appeared on BBC Breakfast last month, wowing the presenters with his knowledge of the natural world and even got to meet his idol Steve Backshall who presents Deadly 60.

The naturalist and explorer, who presents Deadly 60, even agreed to make a video with his number one fan after the youngster spoke about animals being deadly in their own world.

Aneeshwar was over the moon to talk to Steve and can't wait for the big day when they can make a film together

**Monty**, Year 6, is Guitar Star of the Week for his outstanding effort over the past few weeks preparing for his Grade 3 exam. Monty has continued with his lesson all through the pandemic and is making great progress.

Well done Monty



**f you have something that you would like putting in our newsletter please email it either to [head@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:head@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk) or [admin@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk)**

**It needs to be with us by 12.00 on Thursday and attached to your email on a WORD document so once approved we can easily cut and paste. Thank you**

**We always welcome pieces about Goostrey pupils and their achievements outside of school. I love to hear what our pupils are celebrating and achieving outside school so we can celebrate in the newsletter and assembly.**

**The responsibility to get permission for other people's children to be on photographs lies with the sender not with the school.**

**We will usually allow local events to be advertised in the newsletter, especially if we think they will be of interest to our pupils and their families. However we do not endorse or take responsibility for anything not directly organised by the school.**



## **PROPOSAL TO INCLUDE A RESOURCE PROVISION AT HOLMES CHAPEL COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL FOR 14 PUPILS WITH SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL, MENTAL HELTH (SEMH).**

There is a growing need across Cheshire East for more specialist resource provision places and currently due to the lack of places some children are being educated in schools outside of Cheshire East. This lack of provision means that children are spending time travelling to and from school at a significant cost to the local authority.

The council have completed a sufficiency review of its special educational needs provision across the local authority. It has identified that there is a need within the Holmes Chapel area to provide at least a further 14 places in specialist resource provision for children with SEMH needs.

A consultation document providing full details of the proposal, including the decision-making process and key dates, is published on the Council's website together with a link to the electronic survey response or a PDF form for you to feedback your views on this proposal.

All feedback will be collated for consideration at a meeting of the Academy Trust whereupon a decision can be taken on whether to proceed with the expansion. As a key stakeholder in this process, we would really welcome your views on this proposal in order that a fully informed decision can be taken at the next stage.

### **Feedback your views**

All feedback received during the consultation period, which starts on 11 May 2021 and finishes on **14 June 2021**, will be considered before a decision is made on the proposal. It is important to note that no decision has been taken at this stage.

We therefore urge you to visit the Council website at [www.cheshireeast.gov.uk](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk) where you can read the consultation document and complete electronic survey or the feedback form before the closing date of **14 June 2021**.

If you have any questions about this letter please email the Local Authority at [SOCS@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:SOCS@cheshireeast.gov.uk)

We look forward to receiving your comments.

# Half Term Holiday Tennis Fun



## CHILDREN'S HALF TERM HOLIDAY TENNIS FUN & FITNESS IN GOOSTREY

*FUN-FILLED COACHING, GAMES AND FITNESS FOR ALL ABILITIES*



'Camp' is run by an LTA qualified tennis coach and held at Boothbed Lane  
Tennis Courts, Goostrey, from

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June**

**9.30am-11.30am or 11.30am-1.30pm**

**(choice of 2 morning sessions - individual session booking  
available)**

EMAIL [play.tennis@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:play.tennis@hotmail.co.uk) or call 07545 283718 for details



**Before entering any part of the school building please read the questions below:**

**In the last 14 days have you or any member of your household tested positive for Covid-19?**

**In the last 14 days have you or any member of your household displayed symptoms of Covid-19?**

**High temperature**

**New continuous cough**

**Loss of, or change to, your sense of taste/smell**

**Have you been identified by test and trace, or any other official source, as a 'close contact' of someone who has tested positive for Covid-19, within the last 14 days?**

**If you have answered yes to any of the above, please DO NOT enter the school building.**

**Thank You.**

## Update to the following pages from PHE

### Change in Isolation Date for Close Contacts

The [Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#) has changed meaning that self-isolation for contacts of people with confirmed coronavirus has shortened from 14 to 10 days.

Key summary points of the new isolation guidance include:

As of **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020**, the isolation period reduced to 10 days.

Isolation periods will take the day contact occurred as Day 0 of the isolation period, so contacts must remain in isolation until Day 11.

A contact is defined as a person who has had contact (see below) at any time from **two days** before onset of symptoms (or time of test if asymptomatic) to 10 days after onset of symptoms (or test):

- a person who has had face-to-face contact (within one metre) with someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), including:
  - being coughed on, or
  - having a face-to-face conversation, or
  - having skin-to-skin physical contact, or
  - any contact within one metre for one minute or longer without face-to-face contact
- a person who has been within 2 metres of someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) for more than 15 minutes
- a person who has travelled in a small vehicle *with* someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or in a large vehicle *near* someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19)
- people who spend significant time in the same household as a person who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19)



# Parents with children at nurseries, schools and colleges

## A guide to regular rapid Covid-19 testing



## Regular rapid testing is now available for parents, their households and bubbles.

**Regular rapid testing is a fast and easy way to find out if you have coronavirus and help protect your loved ones and community. It's free and takes around 30 minutes.**

## Why introduce regular rapid testing?

**Up to 1 in 3 people** who have Covid-19 have no symptoms and could be spreading it without knowing.

**Regular rapid testing is now available for parents of nursery, school children and college students.** As well as adults in their households, childcare and support bubbles.

Regular testing for people without symptoms is already taking place across the country. Thousands of people who didn't know they had the virus have been able to take action to stop the spread of the disease.

As lockdown restrictions ease, getting into the **regular habit of twice weekly testing** will play an important role in getting back to normal; **alongside the vaccine, following the hands, face, space guidance, and social distancing measures.**

## Regular testing for school staff and students

Regular rapid testing is already **available to all staff** at nursery, primary and secondary schools and colleges.

Secondary school and college students aged 11 and above will continue to access regular rapid tests directly through their school or college. And we continue to encourage them to get tested.

On return they will initially be supervised while testing at school and then continue to test themselves at home with test kits they will get from school or college.

**Nursery and primary school children are not being asked to be tested** as evidence continues to show that children and young people are at low risk from Covid-19 and are very unlikely to get seriously ill.

## What is the benefit to you?

By taking part in regular rapid testing, you'll be protecting yourself and your loved ones. And helping us all get back to a more normal way of life.





Please click on the link below for full details of our after school provision and electronic copies of our registration and booking forms.

We are open Monday to Friday - 3pm to 6pm.

If you would like to see what the children have been up to this week, please follow us on Facebook or Twitter.

<https://www.goostreyallstars.co.uk/>



## Useful contacts and numbers.....

If there's any other information that you feel should be added to this page, as a weekly standing item, please let me know.

[www.goostreypreschool.org.uk](http://www.goostreypreschool.org.uk)

**Telephone: 07471 756720** - available during pre-school hours only.



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### Before School Club

If you would like to enrol your child for Goostrey Before School Club, please either download a booking form from our website [www.goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk](http://www.goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk) or collect from the reception desk. The cost is £3.00 per session and the club operates on each school day, from 8.00 AM to 8.55 AM. Please note no food is served at this club.

The Chair of Governors and the Head teacher meet at least once a week. If you have anything you would like them to discuss / consider please let us know. We will always respond to you.

The web address for ordering school uniform is:  
[www.myschoolstyle.com/school/goostrey](http://www.myschoolstyle.com/school/goostrey)

Class pages, on the school website have lots of up to date information for your child's class. Please keep looking at these as they are updated every week for you. Thank you

### Compliments and Comments and Suggestions.

If you wish to give school general feedback about any aspect of school life, please email either Miss Atkins on [head@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:head@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk) or class teachers, whose email addresses are on each class page on the website; <http://www.goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk/classes>

In current circumstances we are not able to operate our normal open door policy.