

THE LISCARD BULLETIN

LISCARD PRIMARY, WITHENS LANE, WALLASEY, CH45 7NQ



Liscard Primary School Street Trial



The 18-month trial period and consultation period has now been concluded. Wirral Borough Council has decided to make the ETRO (Experimental Traffic Regulation Order) at Liscard Primary School permanent. This means that the School Street zone will now continue to be in place indefinitely.

The trial has been deemed a success, as there has been a significant reduction in vehicle traffic using this section of Manor Lane between Withen's Lane and Penkett Road. We have achieved the goals of creating a calmer environment, reducing traffic build-up and improving air quality.

There are no plans to change the way the School Street functions – the rules will stay the same.

Operational hours of the School Street will continue to be from 8.30am to 9.00am and 2.45pm to 3.45pm. The School Streets email address (schoolstreets@wirral.gov.uk) will remain active, and will continue to respond to any problems, concerns, or complaints from the school, parents/carers, and residents. The FAQs and other information are on the Have Your Say website:

<https://haveyoursay.wirral.gov.uk/hub-page/school-streets>

Many thanks to everyone in the school community for doing their part to make this trial a success.

Good Luck Year 6

Year 6 are doing their SATs this week. They have worked extremely hard and are well prepared. Thank you to the children and parents/carers for all your hard work and support. You all deserve to do brilliantly. Good luck



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Friends of Liscard Primary School

FRIENDS OF LISCARD PRIMARY SCHOOL 2022 RESULTS HOW DID WE FUNDRAISE?			
TREAT YOUR HERO DAY £665.27	ROBERTS RECYCLING LOVE DAY £264.90	SHOW SOME LOVE DAY £671.58	GO FUND ME £1172.09
TREAT FRIDAY £118.47	SCHOOL LOTTERY £2004.88	SUMMER FAIR £3847.47	EASTER DISCO £822.50
STAMPTASTIC £6.87	AMBLE RAFFLE £95.10	PANCAKE DAY £37.39	EASTER RAFFLE £429.81
HALLOWEEN RAFFLE £458.92	CHRISTMAS FAIR £2116.88	GLOW DISCO £988.63	VALENTINES RAFFLE £29.81
A TOTAL OF £11,913.99			

FRIENDS OF LISCARD PRIMARY SCHOOL 2022 RESULTS WHAT WE DONATED TO SCHOOL			
2021 YEAR 6 LEAVERS T-SHIRTS £250	KEY STAGE 1 CHRISTMAS BOOKS £479	EARLY YEARS PLAYGROUND £1,109.82	P2 NEW STARTERS £74.43
VR HEADSETS £8,000	MINI BUS £5,299	BONFIRE SAFETY £109.81	SENSORY TENT £85
YEAR 4 LEAVERS HOODIES £1,440	YEAR 4 POUCH £126.00	SPARE UNIFORM £34	SPARE UNIFORM £30.50
GARDENING CLUB £90.57	SENSEOR EXPERIENCE £1,494	STORYTIME WITH SANTA £350	TREES FOR EARLY YEARS £200.18
A TOTAL OF £18,433.07			

Thank you to FoLPS for their fantastic fundraising efforts. The accounts were presented at the Annual General Meeting. See above regarding how the money raised to date has been spent.

Temporary Swimming Pool on the School Site

Mr Maldon has been busy compiling a swimming timetable. As you can imagine this is a logistical challenge in a school of our size.

All children in Key Stage 2 will have the opportunity to spend time in the pool.

Letters were sent home to parents/carers on Thursday. If you did not receive one please contact your class teacher.

We would appreciate you writing your child's name in their swimming costume/shorts and towel.

Children will need to wear swimming caps. School has a good supply. We also have a supply of flipflops which will be disinfected after every use.

Individual changing facilities will be provided, as well as storage for your child's clothes.

If your child does not have a pair of swimming shorts/costume please let your class teacher know. We do have a small supply as well as spare towels.

Please note that some children will be swimming every day so their kit will need to be dried for use the next day.



Celebrating Year 3 & 4 Trip to see The Demon Dentist at the Liverpool Empire

Thank you for going above & beyond.

Year 3 and Year 4 went to the Liverpool Empire to see a performance of David Walliam's book "The Demon Dentist."

Our business manager, Joanne Johnson, managed to get 180 discounted theatre tickets. Not only that, she also managed to get free rail travel. A big thanks to Merseyrail for the free return rail travel. Coach travel would have cost over £1400 making the trip too expensive to even think about.

Thank you to all staff who planned and went on the trip. The children loved the experience.

Year 3

The children managed the long walk to the railway station. Great fun was had on the train.



AWESOME!

The children had fabulous seats in the stalls.



The behaviour of the children was fabulous and a credit to all their parents/carers.

Year 4

Many children had never been on the train or had experienced using escalators. They were so sensible.



ATTENDANCE AWARDS

2JC 98.1%
5JS 98.1%
FSC 95.3%

Let's see which classes have the highest attendance this week!




WALL OF RECOGNITION

Well done to the following children who have consistently followed the school rules of being kind, working hard and never giving up.

F1 LOTTIE
F2 KEEGHAN
Y1 LILY
Y2 RISHIKA
Y3 MAGGIE MAE
Y4 BELLA
Y5 RITHVICK
Y6 POPPY



Attendance





Well done to Miss Day's class who were winners of the attendance trophy for Key Stage 1! 
Congratulations to Miss Swaby's class who were winners of the attendance trophy for Key Stage 2.
Mrs Cahill's class had the highest attendance across Foundation 2 for the fourth week running.
The overall attendance this week is 92.7%.
There were six classes that had attendance above the national average. Eleven classes improved their attendance from last week.



Every Day Counts



School Lunches

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Curry Day Choose from a homemade creamy chicken curry or a sweet potato & lentil curry served with basmati rice, Naan bread and sweetcorn.	 Roast Dinner Choose from either home roasted meat of the week or a Quorn fillet served with roast potatoes, carrots, cauliflower, Yorkshire pudding and gravy.	 Meatball Pasta Bake Choose from beef meatballs or Quorn balls, cooked in a homemade tomato sauce, mixed with pasta (spiral), topped with cheese and baked in the oven, served with broccoli.	 Fish & Chips Choose from either cod fillet fish fingers, battered cod fillet or Quorn nuggets baked in the oven and served with chips and peas or baked beans.	
 Pitta Pockets Pitta filled bread with Mexican chicken, onions & peppers. Served with diced potatoes and peas.				
<i>Jacket Potatoes are also available daily as a hot alternative</i> Or A selection of sandwiches, served on sliced bread, wraps and assorted batch with a choice filling will be available daily - ham, cheese, tuna, Chinese chicken, turkey and finally finish with a choice of salad - carrot sticks, cucumber, cherry tomatoes, iceberg lettuce, sweetcorn, coleslaw, beetroot and peppers.				
<i>Deserts</i> A selection of homemade deserts will be available every day as well as Fresh Fruit, Fruit Salad, Yogurts and Cheese and Crackers				

National Online Safety

The latest guide from the National Online Safety below provides parents/carers with advice about children's use of smartwatches.

Diary Dates

Monday 8th May King's Coronation
Tuesday 9th May On site swimming lessons begin
Tuesday 9th May - Friday 12th May - KS2 SATs
May 9th - 26th Key Stage 1 SATs
Friday 26th May School closes for half term
Monday 5th June School re-opens
Thursday 20th July School closes for summer



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10 top tips for safely using SMARTWATCHES

Kids love gadgets, and smartwatches – available to buy from as little as £20 online – make a tempting gift. As with any type of mobile technology, though, smartwatches can pose risks to children unless they're used safely. Receiving unwanted calls, cyber-stalking and distracting a young person when they're crossing the road are all known risks associated with smartwatches. However, these devices can bring plenty of benefits for children and parents alike – so let's examine the pros and cons of smartwatches.

AVOID CHEAP OPTIONS

A quick search online yields a torrent of cheap smartwatches for kids, costing as little as £20. It's wise to avoid this bargain basement tech: it tends to deliver a poor experience with inferior battery life, and it's hard to have faith in the software's safety. There have been cases of smartwatches being hacked to track or contact children; stick to known brands who have a reputation to protect.

CONTROL CALLING

Many smartwatches have the facility to make or take calls. As with a phone, you may want to restrict who your child can call – or be called by. On Apple Watches, you can select trusted contacts who are allowed to ring your child, while other watches' controls vary hugely. Some need to connect to a linked phone for calls, so you may be able to block unknown contacts via that device instead.

BEWARE HIDDEN COSTS

For a smartwatch to allow calls independently (that is, without being connected to a phone via Bluetooth), it will need its own mobile data plan. This might take the form of a tiny SIM card that you slot into the watch – or an eSIM, where the physical card is replaced by software settings. Either way, this will incur an additional monthly cost that you'll need to factor into any buying decision.

ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Apple Watches aren't cheap, but they do offer superb safety features – allowing parents to control calls, messages and emails on the device, as well as a location tracking system that can send alerts if kids wander beyond pre-set boundaries. Their SOS function enables children to contact emergency services instantly if they're in trouble, which simultaneously also alerts parents and carers.

MAKE THEM COOL FOR SCHOOL

Some schools have banned smartwatches, as pupils have been using them as substitute phones. If your child's school does permit them, some devices can be set to prevent distractions in class. For example, Apple's schooltime feature turns their watches into ordinary time-keeping devices during school hours. The display changes in this mode, showing teachers that it isn't being used for other purposes.

BE MINDFUL OF BEDTIME

Many smartwatches offer sleep tracking, which some (usually older) children use to justify wearing them to bed. However, that also presents a temptation to message friends or check social media late at night, even if their phone is downstairs. Unless there's a valid reason not to, you could encourage your child to remove the watch in the evenings and ensure the charger stays in a different room.

TRACK ITS LOCATION

Both Apple and Android devices have apps which allow you to track a smartwatch's location. They can also initiate an audio alert – avoiding those cushion-hurling panics when a treasured device can't be found at home. If you're planning to track your child's location via their watch, make them aware of that in advance. You could even make it a condition of them getting the watch in the first place.

THINK 'SAFETY FIRST'

Smartwatches are often worth hundreds of pounds, which can make young people wearing one a target for thieves. Advise your child to keep the watch hidden in public (when possible) and not to resist if muggers demand their watch. If you manage to track a stolen device, pass that information to the police: location data isn't always accurate, so you could end up wrongly accusing someone.

STORE MEDICAL INFO

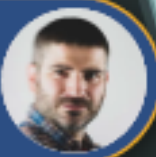
Devices including the Samsung Galaxy Watch and Apple Watch can store the owner's medical details (such as their blood group and any pre-existing medical conditions), potentially giving emergency services access to vital information in a crisis. These devices also have 'fall fall' detection, which sends a text message to selected contacts along with a map showing the wearer's location.

USE THEM AS MOTIVATION

If you're worried your child's spending too much time slumped on the sofa staring at screens, smartwatches are great fitness trackers and can be a powerful incentive to get moving. Some devices will alert the wearer if they've been inactive for a long time and encourage them to do some exercise. Many watches record the user's daily step count and measure other health metrics.

Meet Our Expert

Benny Collins has been a technology journalist and editor for more than 10 years, working for titles such as the Sunday Times, iWeek, PC Pro and Computerworld. He's appeared regularly on a wide range of radio and television and radio, including on BBC Newsnight, Radio 5 live and the iTV News at Ten. He has two children and writes regularly about internet safety issues.



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